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Burg, Ali to U.S. to revive talks

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The White House yesterday officially announced that Israel and Egypt have agreed to dispatch their chief negotiators to Washington to try to resume the peace talks.
The White House press secretary, F. Powell, said that no firm date for the Washington talks had yet been set, although well-placed sources said Israel's Yosef Burg and Egypt's Kamal Hassan Ali are expected to sit down with U.S. envoy, Sol Linowitz, at the end of June or the beginning of July in an effort to revive the negotiations.
The Egyptian officials here in Washington insisted that the negotiations themselves are not being resumed. Rather, the three negotiators would try to clear away obstacles standing in the way of talks.
This involves a pen-knife resolution declaring Jerusalem to be Israel's eternal capital. President Sadat abruptly



This is eight-year-old Oron Yarden, who was kidnapped on Sunday. He is about a metre tall and has light brown hair. Of chubby build, he has brown eyes, a scar on the right side of his neck, and three scars on his right leg from a dog bite. When last seen, he was wearing a white shirt bearing the Savyon elementary school crest, red shorts, and blue gym shoes with red stripes.

Bring our son back, Oron's parents plead

Ransom paid; kidnap victim still missing

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Eight-year-old Oron Yarden of Savyon, kidnapped from the neighbourhood's commercial centre on Sunday evening, had still not been returned by last night, despite the promise of the kidnapper. The kidnapper received \$200,000 on Tuesday, at midnight, in a meeting place near Neve Ne'eman in Hod Hasharon.
Unprecedentedly large police forces, equipped with the best electronic equipment and accompanied by tracker dogs are still continuing their intensive search for the boy, who was last seen talking to a young man wearing an army uniform at 8 p.m. on Sunday.
Yesterday morning, police decided to ask Tel Aviv magistrates court to cancel the order restricting publication of the case, in the hope that someone who had noticed either the kidnapper or the boy would report details which might lead to Oron's discovery.
All ports and airports have been put under heavy police guard in an attempt to prevent the kidnapper from leaving the country.
Oron's mother, Pina, appealed to the kidnapper over the radio at noon yesterday, asking him to show humanity and return her son. "You, too, probably have brothers, and you know how we feel. You've received what you asked for. Please bring our little son back," she said in an impromptu press conference at the family's home.
Oron's father Amos yesterday again called on the kidnapper over the radio to return the boy. "I kept my part of the bargain completely. I delivered the money. But the man did not keep his end of the bargain: I do not have my son. Maybe all this publicity is causing them (the kidnappers) problems. I hope they get over them and return my child."
To Oron, Amos said: "We love you very much and want you back; your mother, brother and sister all

Orn killing of 2 'agents' by students in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (UPI). — A crowd of university students killed two gunmen who tried to kidnap one of their leaders, the other shot one and the other through the bus before setting him on fire, police said yesterday.
Police said three unidentified men fired three bullets into Vice-Alvarez, former secretary of the Guatemalan Students Association, as he was leaving the San Carlos university campus in the capital on Tuesday.
The students survived the attack. The students who ran out of their rooms when they heard the shots captured two of the men, police said. The third was dragged one of the

Hurd: Others have right to homeland in Palestine

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — A clear indication of what will emerge from the Venice meeting of EEC heads of state which begins today was given last night by a senior British Foreign Office minister.
Douglas Hurd, minister of state with special responsibility for the Middle East, told the Institute of Jewish Affairs that the aim of the Venice meeting was "to help forward" the "awesome choice" that Israel has to make. He said the choice is between continuing to rely on military occupation backed by civilian settlements, or recognizing that "others too have a right to a homeland in Palestine."
Hurd said that he could not believe that "after centuries of

persecution which they have suffered and withstood, it is the vocation of the Israelis to rest their future on the persecution of others."
The PLO, he said, contained those who practise terrorism and also those who are ready for compromise and co-existence.
"It would be foolish for the West to pretend that the PLO is simply and solely a gang of murderers or that the Palestinians have no right to be present when their future is discussed. If we pretended that, we would play into the hands of the terrorists... we would be helping the Soviet Union by presenting it with the monopoly of support for a cause which the overwhelming majority of Arabs believe to be just."
On Monday, at 9 a.m., when it was clear that this was indeed a kidnapping for ransom, Tel Aviv district police head Moshe Tlomkin informed Police Inspector General Herzl Shafir. Shafir instructed Tlomkin to spare neither effort nor means, but to act extremely carefully, so as not to endanger the

Gaddafi calls off some of his killers

TRIPOLI (UPI). — Libyan Col. Muammar Gaddafi yesterday called to a stop the kidnapping of Libyan exiles — except those collaborating with the U.S., or Egypt — only hours after Libyan was killed and another wounded in Italy, the run Libyan news agency said.
Gaddafi was quoted by the agency saying, "All commando actions against Libyans living abroad throughout the world should until they are proved by the national courts to be guilty of collaborating with the United States, Egypt, or any other power, however cooperative with those sides is considered to have



Crowds jam Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden last night for the opening of the nationwide Hebrew Book Week.

Sheli forming 'militia' for defence against rightists

Jerusalem Post Staff
Sheli is forming an unarmed "militia" to protect party officials and institutions from attacks by right-wingers, party members told a Jerusalem press conference yesterday.
The party's central headquarters in Tel Aviv were ransacked Saturday night, and party leaders have received telephone threats.
MK Meir Pa'il told reporters, "Given the incapacity of the police and the government's leniency when violent actions are committed by right-wing extremists, we had no choice but to set up a self-defence militia, like those formed by Diaspora Jews to protect themselves from pogroms."
MK Uri Avnery said "there are already at least two armed Jewish underground movements. It is the government's failure to condemn and punish law-breakers that has led to this contempt for law and order."
An anonymous caller told Sheli members a few days ago that a group called TNT — the Hebrew acronym for Terror Against Terror — was responsible for wrecking their office. The same group claimed responsibility for the car-bomb

Yer Lansky to visit for a month

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Interior Ministry is allowing Meyer Lansky, an alleged former partner of organized crime in the U.S., to visit Israel again for one month, a ministry spokesman said today.
Lansky, 77, is expected to fly here from his Miami home in June.
His sister Yosef Burg said the permission was granted on humanitarian grounds, since he is old and sick. Authorities said he will leave Israel in 1972 after an 11-month stay because of reputed underworld connections.

Saudis balk at OPEC price rise

ALGIERS. — Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani yesterday refused to join other OPEC producers in raising prices to a \$32 per barrel benchmark and predicted a glut of crude oil will force down prices by the fall.
Speaking to reporters after the close of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries two-day price talks, the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister said: "Don't be surprised if we don't raise our prices."
Yamani was commenting on OPEC's agreement to narrow its price gap and try to stabilize the market by establishing a \$32 per barrel floor price and a \$37 per barrel ceiling.
Under the newly established OPEC price format, Saudi Arabia was expected by other cartel members to lift its rates from \$28 to \$32 per barrel.
"We will watch the market," said Yamani. "If we see the oil companies are making too much profit and the consumers are not benefiting from the cheap Saudi price, we will raise it a little bit, maybe a dollar or two."
The majority of OPEC's 13 members, however, said they would abide by the \$32 per barrel benchmark price and began announcing increases of \$2 per barrel, effective July 1.
As things stand, OPEC still has a three-tier price system.
Saudi Arabia holds down the floor at \$28 per barrel. The majority of OPEC producers are grouped at a middle level between \$32 and \$35 per barrel, while the hawks — Algeria, Nigeria and Libya — press against the \$37 ceiling.
Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Sabah, told a news conference after the meeting some countries may add surcharges which could put them over the \$37 ceiling. He mentioned the \$3 exploration fee Algeria adds to its price of \$35.21 and noted that the last time OPEC tried to fix a ceiling, it quickly collapsed. (UPI, Reuters)

Sheli assails Fatah for extreme stand

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Sheli Party on Tuesday published a statement condemning Fatah for the "radicalization" of its position as stated in the decisions of the fourth Fatah council meeting recently in Damascus.
"This is a defeat for moderate forces in Fatah and in the Palestine Liberation Organization," said Yasser Arafat himself, who was forced to return to an extremist position, the Sheli statement said.
Sheli sees the Fatah shift as part of a polarization of both Arabs and Jews in an attempt "to wipe out the forces of sanity" on both sides.



LOOSE REIN. The lack of a full-time defence minister has caused an unprecedented increase in the day-to-day power of the Chief of Staff. That's ironic, because Rafel was chosen because of his ability to execute policy, and not to make it, writes Miriam Goodman.

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Economy is the soft spot, Hurvitz tells industrialists

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's greatest danger lies within its own borders, not beyond them, Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz yesterday told the annual meeting of the Manufacturers Association. "It's the country's economic situation," he said.
Hurvitz, who spoke after hearing a long list of complaints from the industrialists about the lack of government help in one form or another, frankly told the speakers that the authorities had reached the limits of their help to industry.
"The root of the evil facing the country," he said, "is a very simple thing: we consume more than we produce. And if we continue in this fashion, we will face economic disaster."
The minister went on to say that "the waste of resources and manpower in Israel is immense. It is so great that another country the same size could live quite well on what we waste."
Israelis had grown used to this situation of waste through years of "living on easy money they did not have to earn." The situation had now reached such a point, he said, that he doubted real wages could be maintained during the coming year. Last year, he said, take-home pay rose by 4 per cent which cost employers 10 per cent in gross wages, without a proportional rise in productivity.
The main cause of inflation is government spending, and he is doing his utmost to curb it, he said. Six per cent of civil servants are being fired; cuts are being made wherever possible, he said.
"At one time, I fought against cutting the defence budget; now I see no alternative but to cut it drastically," he said, admitting that twice lately he had been forced to give in to tremendous pressures against cuts.
Once he had been forced to give the teachers a 16 per cent wage hike "or have a strike until the end of the school year." Just recently he had been forced to bail out the Tel Aviv municipality.
Hurvitz admitted that he spent a good portion of his time "resisting the demands of pressure groups."
Earlier, Hurvitz listened to a series of complaints from industrialists about their inability to raise money for selective investments; the problem of planning in such uncertain times; taxation of inflationary profits; the fraud that inflation breeds; useless costly and time-consuming bureaucracy; the preference for foreign products over cheaper Israeli goods of comparable standards.
Avraham Shavit, president of the Manufacturers Association, even railed against the practice of "teaching ancient Chinese in our universities and not how to work for a living — so the graduate has to emigrate to find a livelihood."
The meeting of the manufac-

turers passed a number of resolutions. One expressed concern over the drastic cut in investments in industry since interest on development loans is linked to the consumer index. It called on the government to review investment policy entirely and to renew incentives.
It also asked for working capital funds with manageable interest rates to encourage industrial development, and tax benefits for enterprises which export most of their production.
The Manufacturers Association decided yesterday that a 6 per cent salary rise would be sufficient to maintain the level of real wages for 1980. But representatives of shoe, textile, printing, metal and other industries said they could not afford such a rise under present market conditions.
The manufacturers are now engaged in wage negotiations with the Histadrut.

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Safed	12	22-36
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Nazareth	27	20-36
Afula	30	21-33
Samarita	21	21-37
Tel Aviv	43	30-35
B-G Airport	41	15-34
Jericho	11	19-44
Qaza	8	21-35
Berzabeha	18	15-34
Eilat	17	25-41
Tira Straits	26	27-39

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Venezuelan Minister of Labour Reinaldo Rodríguez Navarro, here on a brief visit as guest of Labour Minister Israel Katz, will today meet Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel. Yesterday he toured Yad Vashem and visited Christian shrines in the Old City.

The American Welding Society has made an award to Prof. Ben-Zion Weiss, of the Technion's Materials Engineering Department, for his outstanding achievement in the science and art of welding.

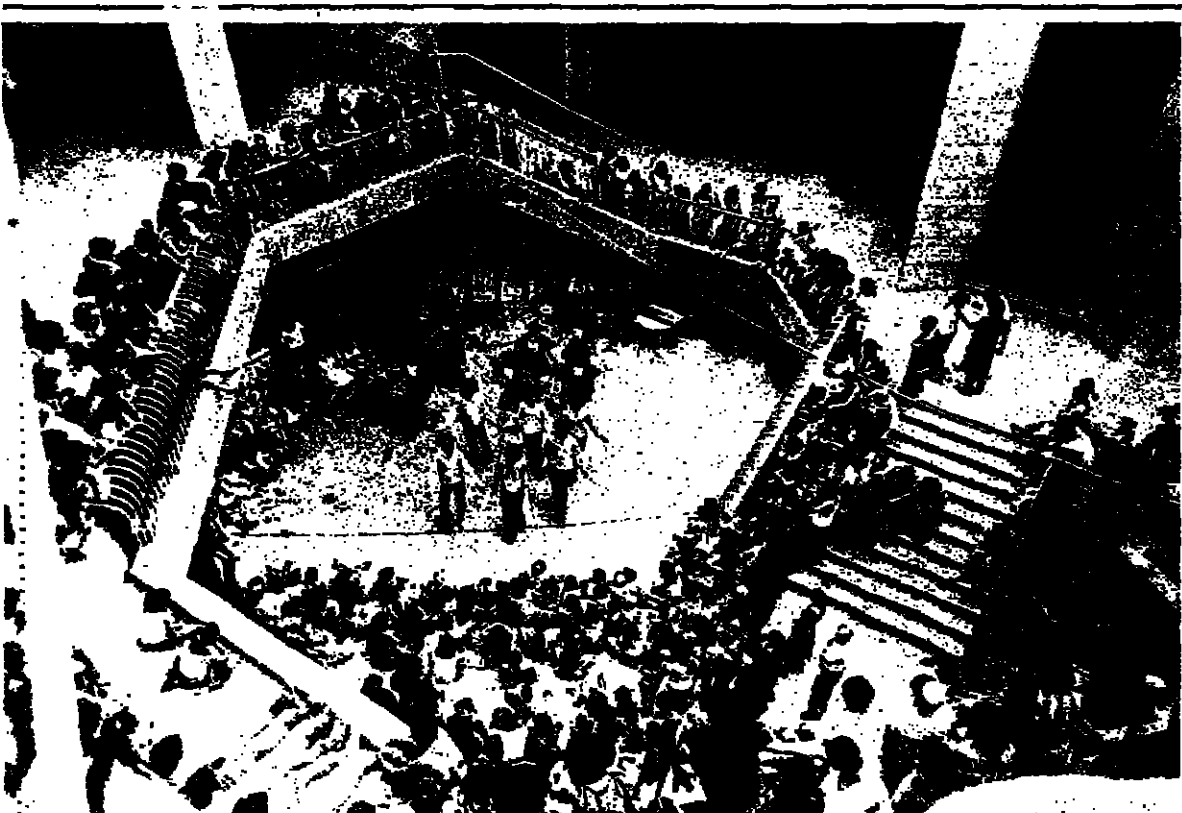
ARRIVALS

Malika Shulevitz, coordinator, Israel Academic Committee on the Middle East, after addressing the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly in Toronto and lecturing in the U.S.

S. Glarola, Milan, world president, and S. Fels, Dortmund, German delegate of Les Clés d'Or, for the 10th anniversary celebration of Les Clés d'Or, Israel, at the Dan Hotel.

French cosmonauts

PARIS (AP). — Two French test pilots were named yesterday as candidates for a 1989 flight aboard an orbiting Soviet space station, the National Centre for Space Studies announced here.



A Jerusalem dance troupe rehearses at the Gai Building yesterday for today's Youth Festival. (Gustavo Feinblatt)

Elits: Weizman walkout hurt peace process

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Hermann Elits, the former U.S. ambassador to Egypt, yesterday had both praise and criticism for former defense minister Ezer Weizman, but concluded that Weizman's resignation "has dealt the faltering Middle East peace process another grievous blow."

Writing in "The Christian Science Monitor," Elits contrasted Weizman's contribution to the peace process to that of former foreign minister Moshe Dayan.

"Unlike Dayan," Elits commented, "Weizman was not an innovative negotiator. Rarely did he bring any new ideas to the negotiations. He was a moderate hardliner on the West Bank, and his positions on Lebanon sometimes seem obstacles to continuing peace talks."

HOME & WORLD NEWS

Israel sets up panel to protect Iran Jews

The government decided yesterday to set up an emergency committee to protect Iranian Jewry, whose community has been threatened recently by the arrest or execution of several prominent leaders.

Likud MK Moshe Katsav, leader of Israel's Iranian Jewish community, said after a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin that the committee would enlist international pressure to protect the 40,000 Jews living in Teheran and other Iranian cities. The committee would also help the resettlement of Jewish Iranian refugees in Israel.

"We are sure that the condition of the Jews in Iran is serious," Katsav said in an Israeli Radio interview. "We must do as much as possible to save them."

Katsav said about 60 Iranian Jews were imprisoned by the regime there, including a father and son who were leading figures in the community. Another leading

Jew, Albert Daniel Pour, was executed last week for economic crimes and "spying" for Israel. But Katsav said he was probably tortured to death and executed to cover up the fact.

The government has until now avoided any comment on the situation in Iran, apparently to avoid irritating the virulently anti-Israeli regime there.

Katsav said the 40,000 Jews in Iran may not be aware of the dangers facing them. "They still have hopes for the propaganda promises of the Iranian government that (the arrests) are not a sign of anti-Semitism, but only a campaign for law and order," he said.

"But according to all the information we have here, they are in palpable danger."

Katsav said the committee would "raise the cry" to the world alerting of the dangers, and would encourage Iranian Jewish exiles to come to Israel. (AP)

New rules on sabbaticals

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Workers who have contributed to a sabbatical fund for six consecutive years can now withdraw their savings without having to prove that they went abroad for further training in their field — provided the Knesset Finance Committee approves the amendment.

Anyone who has saved for less than six years and wants to withdraw the money without using it for professional training will have to pay a tax of about 150,000 on every 1512,000, according to Treasury calculations.

Treasury sources noted that the fund was originally set aside for professional training only. For that reason, monthly payments were not subject to taxation. But eventually the fund came to be used for non-professional trips abroad — and the funds even began to organize such "holiday tours" for their investors.

Tax authorities allowed the management of the funds to decide for themselves whether each worker's trip was professionally-related or not.

Today about 200,000 employees are enrolled in sabbatical funds.

Civil servants' vote reflects disenchantment with Begin

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Alignment and Likud leaders agreed yesterday that the public's disenchantment with Premier Menachem Begin's government led to the Alignment's decisive victory in Tuesday's Civil Servants Union elections.

Final results, announced yesterday, showed the Alignment received 61.65 per cent of the votes, compared with 54 per cent in the last elections 11 years ago. The Likud and the National Workers Union (which is affiliated with Herut) received only 18.42 per cent of the votes. The Herut-Liberal bloc dropped from 18.79 per cent in 1969 to 19.97 per cent, and the National Workers Union from 3.7 per cent to 3.45 per cent.

Votes cast for other lists were: A joint list of the religious parties — 11.68 per cent (down from 18.2 per cent); Independent Liberals — 2.32 per cent (down from 8 per cent); Ron (a new independent list) — 4.45 per cent; the Democratic Movement — 0.98 per cent.

Alignment leaders maintained that the results reflected what would have happened if national elections had been held on Tuesday. They reasoned that the voters were a representative sample of Israeli society — everyone from scrubwomen to senior officials had the right to vote. Even civil servants who were not members of the Histadrut voted. (The labour court had given all civil servants the

right to vote in the elections.) The Alignment sources acknowledged that many self-employed would vote Likud in national elections. However, members of kibbutzim and moshavim would vote Labour and they didn't take part in yesterday's elections either, the sources maintained.

An aide to Histadrut secretary-general Yeruhim Meshel, looking at the vote, said the Alignment-dominated Histadrut will continue its present policies "until we bring down the government."

Zevulun Shash, one of the heads of the Likud faction in the Histadrut, last night confirmed his bloc was in trouble. He noted that the Likud had lost votes in the recent elections in the clerks, teachers, textile, food, construction and agricultural workers unions. "I guess the mood reflected (in those elections) would also be the mood in the elections to the Knesset," he said.

Another Likud leader, Daniel Nahmani, said: "The public wants to punish us."

But Nahmani maintained that the Likud had always done better in national elections — and even the Histadrut convention — than in various union elections.

JUDO. — Israel's third judo championships for the blind concluded yesterday at the Jewish Institute for the Blind, Jerusalem.



Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Egyptian Ambassador Sa'ad Mortada chat before their meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Israel complains again of Egyptian reports to PLO

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, Yosef Burg, reiterated Israel's displeasure at learning last weekend that Egypt had been reporting regularly on the talks to the PLO. He conveyed Israel's feelings to Egyptian Ambassador Sa'ad Mortada, who said he would report the Israeli position to his government.

Premier Menachem Begin has demanded that Egypt cease reporting to the PLO once the talks resume.

Egypt, meanwhile, yesterday condemned Begin for his declared intention of building more settlements in the administered territories. Egypt said the issue should be placed on the agenda of one forthcoming meeting in Washington between Egyptian, Israeli and American delegates to the autonomy negotiations.

An Egyptian government spokesman said Begin was placing obstacles in the way of a just and comprehensive Middle East peace, and his policy amounts to setting preconditions on the eve of the

Washington parley.

The spokesman was commenting on Begin's statements during a U.S. television interview that Israel will build 10 more settlements in the West Bank while augmenting existing ones.

"The Washington meeting between Egyptian, Israeli and American chief delegates, which aims at eliminating the obstacles facing the autonomy negotiations, should deal with the Israeli position," the spokesman said. He left no doubt that Egypt would still take part in the negotiations.

Egypt yesterday cited Israel's settlement policy as a reason for breaking off the year-old autonomy talks last month.

"The Israeli prime minister's statements on Israel's determination to continue its policy of building new settlements and the expansion of existing ones in occupied Palestinian lands affirms the intentions of the Israeli government to create more obstacles in the way of a just and lasting peace," the spokesman said in the official statement.

BURG, ALI GOING

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substantial progress towards an agreement can be achieved before the American elections are held in November.

The newspaper said that the Egyptians betray a sense of urgency and even suggested that the negotiations in Washington could resume during the week of July 7.

"Foreign ministry officials admitted that they viewed the meeting as 'an exercise in procedural protocol' more than anything else," it said.

"Sadat seems resigned to the prospect that little American pressure will be exerted on Israel during an election campaign and that the only alternative is to tread water and hope that a re-elected President Carter will feel no constraints about adopting a more aggressive attitude after November in pursuit of an accord on Palestinian autonomy," the newspaper added.

"Despite his chagrin over Israel's settlements policy and its refusal to discuss the role of Jerusalem in the autonomy talks, Sadat does not wish to derail the process in a way that would injure Carter politically," it said.

"His decision to dispatch Hassan Ali to Washington seems rooted in the belief that some semblance of momentum towards autonomy must be depicted to stave off complete disenchantment."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on the "Moked" television interview programme last night that he was sure agreement could be reached in the resumed autonomy talks provided the Camp David accords are adhered to.

Israel had made enormous concessions to Egypt and can make no more.

Earlier, a Foreign Ministry spokesman welcomed the resumption of the stalled talks, but emphasized that Israel still saw no reason for halting the negotiations.

"There was no problem with Israel," said spokesman Michael Shiloah. "We didn't cut off the talks. I think now the talks (must be) renewed without any conditions."

trance to Neve Ne'eman. "At the entrance, you will find a barrel standing by the roadside, with a large white X drawn on it. There you will receive further instructions."

Dozens of unmarked police cars took up positions throughout the area, also keeping a close eye on Petah Tikva, Kfar Sava and Ramat Gan bus stops. Amos, with the money he had received from the police, set out and drove to the marked barrel. Inside, he found a handwritten note telling him to drive north to a second barrel, three km. away. It was here that he was to leave the money.

He drove as instructed and duly placed the money in the barrel.

A second note there instructed him to return to the previous barrel, and wait for his son, who was to be brought there half an hour later.

The instructions were obeyed to the letter. Amos returned to the first barrel and waited, over two hours. But he waited in vain.

Detectives watching from afar thought they saw a tall man dressed in black disappear into the nearby citrus grove.

At 4:30 a.m., Amos returned home. Police continued to patrol the area, in the hope that the kidnapper might still keep his word, that he was only waiting for the right moment, in which he would not be caught and the boy would not give him away.

A few minutes before 5 a.m., the police command decided that there was no longer any point in keeping the affair secret.

Journalists were called to a press conference and told they were free to publish.

Last night, the team searching for Oran and his kidnapper was enlarged to about 1,000. In addition to some 500 detectives and policemen, border police and about 120 of one of the IDF's elite units have also been called in. At a press conference called last night, search team head Nitzan-Mishne Eliahu Ben-Haroush said that in his opinion the kidnapper and the child have become separated and the kidnapper cannot contact Oran.

Ben-Haroush revealed that as of yesterday noon, the search has spread to include the whole country and various police forces have been asked for information on possible hiding places.

At 11:30 p.m., the phone rang again. The kidnapper told Amos to drive on Sharon road to the en-

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the central police command's detective squad began patrolling the area, ready to move on immediate calls. They had special codes were tuned to a frequency reserved for very special operations.

In Tel Aviv district headquarters on Rehov Dizengoff, feverish discussions with intelligence services, and psychologists went on non-stop in an attempt to get some clue to the identity of the kidnapper.

Theories were many, but all were based solely on the recorded calls of the kidnapper. And all they indicated was that he was young, somewhere between 18 and 25, and that he sounded as though he had planned the operation thoroughly and knew exactly what he wanted.

The Yarden family has managed to remain calm throughout. Liora's friends made coffee and soup for people in the house. Amos, who had not slept a wink since Sunday, tried to joke with people who kept coming in and out to console him. "I never knew I had so many friends," he said.

On Tuesday, a little before 8 a.m. the kidnapper called again. Pina asked why he had not called the previous evening. There had been no reply, he said, adding that he would call again soon. Then he hung up.

Two hours later, he called again. This time a woman's voice was heard in the background, urging "Oran, say you're okay." Then an unclear voice was heard, and the kidnapper again took the receiver, saying "You've heard your son. Now you know he's alright." When Pina said she doubted that she had heard the boy's voice, the kidnapper said Oran had spoken through an intercom, and was therefore muffled. Then he hung up.

Nerve-racking hours passed until the next call, which came at 9 p.m. Pina fainted when the kidnapper asked to speak to her husband.

"How much petrol do you have in your car?" the kidnapper asked. "Is it enough to reach Kiryat Gat? Can you reach the Sharon?" It was obvious that the kidnapper was trying to confuse both the father and police who were following every word.

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Begin, Hurvitz agree on cuts in defence projects

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Prime Minister and Acting Defence Minister Menachem Begin and Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz yesterday agreed to trim specific projects in the defence budget.

A joint committee of the Defence Ministry and the Treasury have been asked to prepare by today full details on these projects. Only when these are in will the size of the cut be known.

Begin and Hurvitz today will finalize the cuts, presenting them to the cabinet on Sunday for approval. Present at yesterday's meeting between Begin and Hurvitz were Defence Ministry Director-General Yosef Ma'ayan, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan, Deputy Defence

Minister Mordechai Zippori

Treasury Director-General Ya'acov Ne'eman, budget department head Haim Arkin, and planning authority head Ezra Sadan.

Also on Hurvitz's agenda today another meeting with House Minister David Levy, to finalize extent of the cuts to his budget. T will almost complete the trimming work, mostly carried out at the expense of the defence, housing, communications budgets.

The Treasury thus thinks Hurvitz will manage to present a programme of cuts to a cabinet meeting scheduled to hold a comprehensive discussion of economic situation.

Also due on Sunday is the publication of the May consumer price index, which seems unlikely to be lower than April's.

2 jailed for jewelry heist, 1 goes free

Benjamin Weller and Avraham Ohayon were both sentenced yesterday in Jerusalem's District Court to three-year jail terms for their role in a \$15m. heist at a Jerusalem jewelry shop near the Abu Tor observation point last January.

The gang's leader, Yuval Nissenbaum, was not brought to trial after turning state's witness in the case. Appeals by Aluf (Ret.) Yisrael Tal and a senior air force officer who offered to counsel and rehabilitate the two young men were turned down by the judges.

The court, in handing down sentence, noted that Nissenbaum had been the leader of the three when they burst into the store last January 15, their faces hidden in stocking masks, and, at gun point, ordered the staff to lie on the floor while they stripped the shelves, floor trays, and the safe. On the way out Nissenbaum kicked an old man until he bled, and also beat two of

the store's employees. But, the judges said, Weller and Ohayon had nevertheless agreed despite initial misgivings, to take part in the raid, and had helped its planning. Thus, the court found was no mere spontaneous act of momentary weakness.

The court said Nissenbaum virtually "bought" Weller's Ohayon's allegiance, setting it an example of flashy living treating them extravagantly.

In weighing sentence, the court had taken into consideration Weller had lost two older brothers in the IDF and that Ohayon had been orphaned of his father's boy. It was for these reasons, because the jewelry had been recovered, the young men had pressed sincere regrets that they were only being given three years in jail and three years' suspension.

Druse promotes friendship circle

Post Knesset Reporter

A Druse MK from the Likud and a Christian Arab businessman from New York are working together to promote a friendship circle in the U.S. for dialogue between Americans of the Jewish, Christian and Druse faiths.

Amal Nasr e-Din (Likud-Herut) brought New York businessman Shalom Jersin along to Matti Shmueli, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, to announce that the friendship circle,

set up some months ago, would plain Israel's problems. Americans of all faiths, and also stress what Israel was doing help the Christians in Lebanon.

Nasr e-Din said the friendship circle would also help promote welfare of the Israeli Druse, as cultural, social and economic with them, build schools for Druse villages, and finance housing Druse army veterans.

He said a similar program would be set up in Latin America.

Parties Law passes first reading

Post Knesset Reporter

By 8 vote of 23-14, which cut across coalition-opposition lines, the Political Parties Law passed its first reading in the Knesset on Monday evening.

The National Religious Party abandoned its coalition partners to vote against the bill, while Shai and Gideon Hausner (ILP) voted with the coalition. The Alignment, the Communists, and Sheli voted against the bill.

The bill requires political parties to adopt specified democratic procedures, prohibits them from engaging in economic activity, and

imposes further restrictions on their sources of financing.

Shai issued a communiqué stating that it had supported the bill after Justice Minister Sh. Tamir agreed to change in the provision restricting the registration of political parties.

As presented by Tamir, it gave the registrar of political parties broad discretion in refusing to register a political party reasons of "state security."

Under the change, the registrar may refuse only if the aims of the party are opposed to the interests of the state or to its democratic nature.

W. Germans, Dutch win Europe Cup opener

West Germany yesterday won the first match of the European Soccer Championships, beating holders Czechoslovakia 3-0 in a lack-lustre Group One game.

The Germans, whose second-half goal came in the 56th minute from their striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, had lost the 1976 final to Czechoslovakia on penalty kicks.

In a second Group One match played in Naples last night, the

Netherlands defeated Greece 0, thanks to a 60th minute penalty by Kees Kist.

The Rome match could be foisted by Israelis on Jordan teleview, which gave it live coverage.

Play in Group Two opens when Belgium takes on England in Turin and Spain looks horses Italy in Milan.

Jordan TV is covering the match, which kicks off at 8.30 p.m. local time.

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Prof. AVNER BARCAI

and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family

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Prof. AVNER BARCAI

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הקדמת האהבה

Ks slam UN vote on West Bank

ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Six Knesset members yesterday denounced UN Resolution 471, which blamed Israel for the attacks on the mayors of Ramallah.

On the agenda on the 17 were presented by Gideon (Independent Liberals), Kaiman Kahana (Posolei), Rabbi Haim Druckman (Religious Party), Amnon Stein (Shal), Gaila Cohen (Ya), and Abba Eban (ment).

In the consent of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the 17 Affairs and the 17 Uri Avnery (Shel) also tabled a motion on the subject.

But the House backed a motion by Begin that it be struck from the agenda, because Avnery had not spoken on the subject.

But Begin devoted most of his reply to Avnery, asking how he could still advocate Palestinian state after the Fatah leadership had adopted the resolution it had in Damascus on June 1.

Begin quoted from the text of that resolution, in which this supposedly moderate wing of the PLO, headed by Yasser Arafat, pledged to "completely liberate Palestine and liquidate the Zionist entity."

As for Resolution 471, Begin recalled that immediately upon learning of the terrorist attack on the two mayors, he issued a harsh denunciation of the action and ordered a thorough investigation. Never had there been such an inten-

sive investigation, he added.

But what Arab leader had said a word after the Nahariya terrorist attack, in which a 2-year-old child was killed, or after the six Jews were murdered in Hebron, Begin asked.

Despite the almost unanimous contempt expressed for Resolution 471, the discussion was no idyll of the wolf lying down with the lamb.

Thus, Eban ridiculed Begin for having changed course completely with regard to Resolution 242. From having first described it as a total surrender by Israel, Begin had become a staunch advocate of 242, Eban said.

"Not since the Moabite prophet Balaam have I encountered such a radical change of mind from a curse to a blessing," Eban commented.



Soldiers and scholars were among the potential customers who browsed through the offerings in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden yesterday, the first day of the nationwide Hebrew Book Week. (Rahamim Israeli)

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Herut wins in UK Zionist elections

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LONDON. — The British Herut party is claiming that it now controls the Zionist Federation.

Results of elections, held during the Federation's annual conference on June 1, have only just been announced because of an inquiry into allegations of vote rigging. They show that of the 51 elected positions, Herut captured 22 and their coalition partners, the General Zionists and the Federation of Synagogues, another eight.

Eric Graus, president of Herut, told The Jerusalem Post that "we are now the major party in the Zionist Federation. It shows among the Jewish community at large very big support for the government of Israel, much more than is reflected in the leadership of the Zionist movement."

Graus was elected to the key post of honorary secretary.

Herut did not contest the chairmanship, which went to Geoffrey Gelberg, of the United Zionists. Graus said that Herut "could have had the chairmanship" but was happy with the choice of Gelberg.

The story may be different later this year, when elections are held for the new body which has been formed as a result of the merger of the Zionist Federation and the General Zionists. Graus said that Herut would probably put up a candidate for the chairmanship stand. Graus said he was considering standing for the post.

Two held in E. Jlem shooting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police are still holding two of the some 300 suspects rounded up yesterday after a shooting incident in East Jerusalem in which a border patrolman was wounded.

Border Patrolman David Abutbul was resting comfortably yesterday after he underwent an operation for stomach wounds Tuesday night at Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem. Meanwhile, the Druse sapper wounded in his face and eyes two weeks ago while trying to dismantle a booby trap meant for the mayor of El-Bira, is still in critical condition at Hadassah.

Mitze Ramon mooted for absorption of olim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mitze Ramon, the Negev development town with an army base, will be promoted as a place for immigrant absorption.

Absorption Ministry Director-General Azriel Waldman, who toured Mitze Ramon recently, announced yesterday that a settlement group of 20 to 25 Latin American immigrant families will be referred to the town. In addition, a campaign aimed at emigrants abroad will attempt to attract settlers. Employment opportunities in the town are expected to be boosted by the redeployment of forces in the Negev.

financing of Kupat Holim criticized by Knesset panel

ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

A Knesset panel yesterday criticized the financial support for Kupat Holim, a health insurance fund, for its lack of a long-term plan and planning, and for the Knesset State Committee.

The committee issued its opinion after studying the state auditor's findings on Kupat Holim during a number of sessions. The committee said the lack of a long-term plan and planning, and for the Knesset State Committee.

the fund claims it is paying for hospital days which its members never received.

A lot of money was wasted because of the way the sick fund handled development projects and gave out contracts, the committee noted. In the end, fund members or the government footed the bill.

The State Control Committee took a grave view of the way that Kupat Holim used special donations for purposes other than the ones they were earmarked for. Where progress is held up on a project, the money must be put into a closed account where it maintains its value, the committee said.

(Kupat Holim stated that at present it is taking such steps.)

In the Labour and Social Services Committee yesterday, Prof. Baruch Meidan, director-general of the Health Ministry, denied reports that Jerusalem's Rosh Hashana Institute for lung disease diagnosis would be closed soon.

However, Meidan said, services at Rosh Hashana would be reduced somewhat, since the incidence of tuberculosis had fallen significantly in recent years.

Hammer urges peace on nation's college campuses

Post Knesset Reporter

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday called on the country's Jewish and Arab university students to make a "supreme effort" to achieve understanding and a return to normal co-existence.

He was replying to motions for the agenda on the recent disturbances on the campuses. The motions of Ora Namir (Alignment) and Sarah Stern-Katan (National Religious Party) were referred to committee.

The motions of Tawfik Toubi (OFFER) and Uri Avnery (Shel) were struck from the agenda. Although Hammer had moved that Avnery's motion be referred to committee, Amos Hader (Alignment) moved that it be removed from the agenda, and most of the Likud supported Hader.

Namir charged the leadership of the Student Union with having started the recent series of clashes. As the Jewish student leaders became more extreme, so did the Arab student leaders, she said.

Stern-Katan faulted the university authorities for not having taken a firmer stand. She cited the case of the head of the Arab students committee, who she said is registered for only one course (and does not attend even that one, she claimed) and whose main concern is organizing the political activities of the Arab students.

Hammer said that at the beginning of the academic year, the university authorities had made maximum restraint in the face of local campus demonstrations. But, as these continued, and became more violent, they toughened their stand and decided to suspend students for various periods and in extreme cases to expel them.

The minister said that the universities are aware that not all the demonstrators are bona fide students, and he appealed to the students on both sides not to permit such agitators, whether formally registered as students or not, to stir up trouble on the campuses.

No cash to spare for border security

Post Knesset Reporter

A delegation of kibbutz and moshav farmers living along the Lebanese border yesterday complained to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that their security situation is gravely threatened because Finance Minister Yigael Yadin has turned down all their requests for more money in the wake of the Migav Am outrage.

The farmers said they need \$150m. immediately to repair a wide range of security installations found faulty or lacking after the attack.

They need another \$220m. for a comprehensive security programme to give the villages a firmer stance in the face of possible terrorist infiltrations, the delegation said. "We are apprehensive of future tragedies, and we need the money to arrange our defence system," one of the farmers said.

The committee set up a special three-man, sub-committee to study the farmers' requests.

Jerusalem officials back tent city

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem city officials yesterday backed the Ohel tent city settlement and warned that City Hall would not do what one official called the government's "dirty work" in dismantling the settlement.

"We won't take the government's coats out of the fire for it," said the high-ranking city official.

A city engineer was due at the site by the end of the week to "study" building conditions, a spokesman said. But the city's attitude appears to be that they are loath to take any steps to shut down the tent city. Mayor Teddy Kollek is still abroad and has not yet commented here on the housing protest.

Meanwhile, at the tent city, work on infrastructure continued yesterday, and parents began organizing a transport system for their children, who missed school this week.

In a related development, there was another "incident" in the Knesset yesterday: the newest MK, Shlomo Shalita, refused to leave the podium — during an exchange over the tent city — when ordered by the chairman, who then recessed the session for five minutes.

Mordechai Vilhufsky (Shal) had presented a motion for the agenda: criticizing Project Renewal — the scheme to rehabilitate slum neighbourhoods — as an "administrative monster" and a "complete failure."

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin defended the project, which he said now encompassed 64 neighbourhoods, and over which many Jewish communities abroad are enthusiastic.

Yadin agreed, however, that the motion be referred to committee (because he had received a note informing him that there would be no majority for striking the motion from the agenda).

Shel abstained, in order to be able to explain the reason for its abstention. Marciano expressed his identification with the Ohel squatters in Jerusalem, even though they had accepted the financial help of MK Samuel Flatow-Sharon, whom Marciano described as a "gangster."

Deputy Speaker Pinhas Scheinman insisted that he withdraw that speech, but Marciano refused. Scheinman then told him that in any case his time was up, and ordered him to take his seat.

Marciano paid no heed, and Scheinman asked the sergeant-at-arms to eject him. Four ushers surrounded Marciano at the rostrum. But in order to avoid the necessity for their removing him bodily, Scheinman announced the recess.

Wide margin for rightists in HU student union vote

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The right-wing Castel faction won an overwhelming victory in Tuesday's Hebrew University student union elections partly because their opponents, Campus Arab Students Committee, knowledgeable university observers said yesterday.

The turnout was an unprecedented 7,000, close to half the student body. The voters supported Castel, which is aligned with Herut and Tehiya, against Campus and the Labour-aligned Ofek faction.

One university source noted that six or seven of the eight demonstrations on campus this year were by Arabs bearing PLO slogans, and supporting the anti-Zionist Progressive National Movement.

Meanwhile, the left-wing factions last night were debating whether to apply for an injunction against the student union on grounds of "election irregularities."

Campus, the Mapam-affiliated Keshet faction, and Ofek together won only 27 of the 97 delegates to the union's convention, which this summer will elect the union executive and chairman.

Incumbent chairman Tzahi Hanegebi, son of Tehiya MK Gaila Cohen, will step down and seek election as head of the National Student Union, leaving the chairmanship in Jerusalem to his deputy, Israel Katz. The two are still facing criminal charges and university disciplinary measures for their parts in a fist and chain assault on Arab and left-wing Jewish students last December.

In private, Campus supporters conceded that Castel had won the election. But they attributed the size of its majority in part to "irregularities."

A Campus faction spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that ballot boxes from the different faculties began reaching the counting room in the Akademik building at the Givat Ram Campus at 6 p.m. Tuesday. But the supervisory com-

mittee, composed only of Castel members, refused to allow representatives of other factions to enter the room as observers until 10:30 p.m. The boxes, which are open cartons, could well have been stuffed with Castel votes, or opposition votes could have been destroyed, Campus claims.

Furthermore, the two Castel election officers looking after the ballot box in Resnick Building Seven at Mount Scopus allegedly "vanished with the box for several hours" during the lunch break.

Senior university officials, who described the election results as a "catastrophe," said that "zoning" for the elections, drawn up by the supervisory committee, was "heavily weighted in favour of Castel."

They charged that departments with a known "left-wing bias" — such as History — were downgraded in representation. Departments such as law and mathematics were given additional representatives, they charged. The officials expressed satisfaction at the reported Campus-Keshet intention to appeal the election results in the courts.

But even if the courts void the election results, Campus supporters feel not much would change in a second bout. "That's the situation at university. We have an ultra-right student body," said one despondent leftist.

As more or less expected, Campus-Keshet won a majority in the Theatre, Art History, Philosophy, History and Sociology departments. An unexpected result was Ofek's majority in Psychology. Castel won the rest of the university departments.

BARRER. — Norway has refused to grant a visa to South African Interior and Justice Minister Alwyn Sohebusch, planning to visit the country as part of an official overseas tour. The Norwegian government gave no reasons for the decision.

Ks propose bills to stop Anglicization of Hebrew

ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Five Knesset members from cent parties yesterday pleaded cause of the Hebrew language. Shimon Peres (Likud-Rafi) and Shmueli (Tehiya) both urged the Knesset to take steps to stop the influx of English words into Hebrew, and said they would show more pride in their language.

Both bills would require commercial firms to give Hebrew names to their products and their shops. Shmueli's bill, framed as a basic law, goes further and requires that all foreign words shown have the original sound-track replaced by a Hebrew word.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announced that he had appointed a committee to prepare a Hebrew language law, and agreed that the two bills be referred to the Education Committee.

Children hurt in fall from 3rd floor window

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four and a half, of Rehov Safed, Jerusalem's Nahalat Ahim, fell from the window of a third floor apartment on Tuesday. The boy was still in serious condition yesterday, after surgery.

Refugees to get sewer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Municipal workers are soon to begin connecting the 1,000 houses in the Shufat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem to a newly installed sewer system. The 4.5-km. long system was constructed over the past two years at a cost of \$1m. Sewage has until now been carried off in open ditches.

dat opens new Suez Canal bypass

UPI. — President Anwar Sadat this week inaugurated a new Suez Canal bypass — a 16-km. link to the canal but running parallel to it — that would allow vessels to move in opposite directions simultaneously.

The new bypass was near the northern tip of the Bitter Lake, south of the city of Suez, at a cost of \$80m.

The new bypass and four others in operation mean that a ship can move in opposite direc-

Soldier's parents complain to PM of 'army deception'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The parents of Gadi Algazi, who is awaiting trial for refusing to serve the army beyond the pre-1967 borders, yesterday called Prime Minister Menachem Begin to protest the alleged deception used by the Israel Defense Forces to post their son in the administered territories.

After four months of training, Algazi, one of a group of 27 youths who are refusing to serve beyond the Green Line, was told by his commanders that he was being transported to Beit Shean, Algazi's parents said yesterday.

But when he arrived, Algazi realized he had been taken beyond the Green Line. He refused to remain there, was arrested by military police and is now awaiting court trial.

not at present serving in the army intend to demonstrate with their parents outside Begin's office on Sunday against the "tactics of the Ottoman and even Zionist empire" by which Algazi was taken to the territories. "A spokesman for the group said yesterday.

Another member of the group of 27, Guy Pivovsky, is currently in military prison for refusing to serve beyond the Green Line, while Danny Amir, who was imprisoned three times for this offence and Ron Adar, who was imprisoned once, have been released by now.

Algazi's parents noted that when Amir was sent to prison, he was told that there were no training grounds for new soldiers inside the Green Line. Therefore, he had to serve, at least during his training course, in the territories. But Algazi completed four months of training within the Green Line, disproving the army's claim, his parents said.

Turin politician's son sought for murder

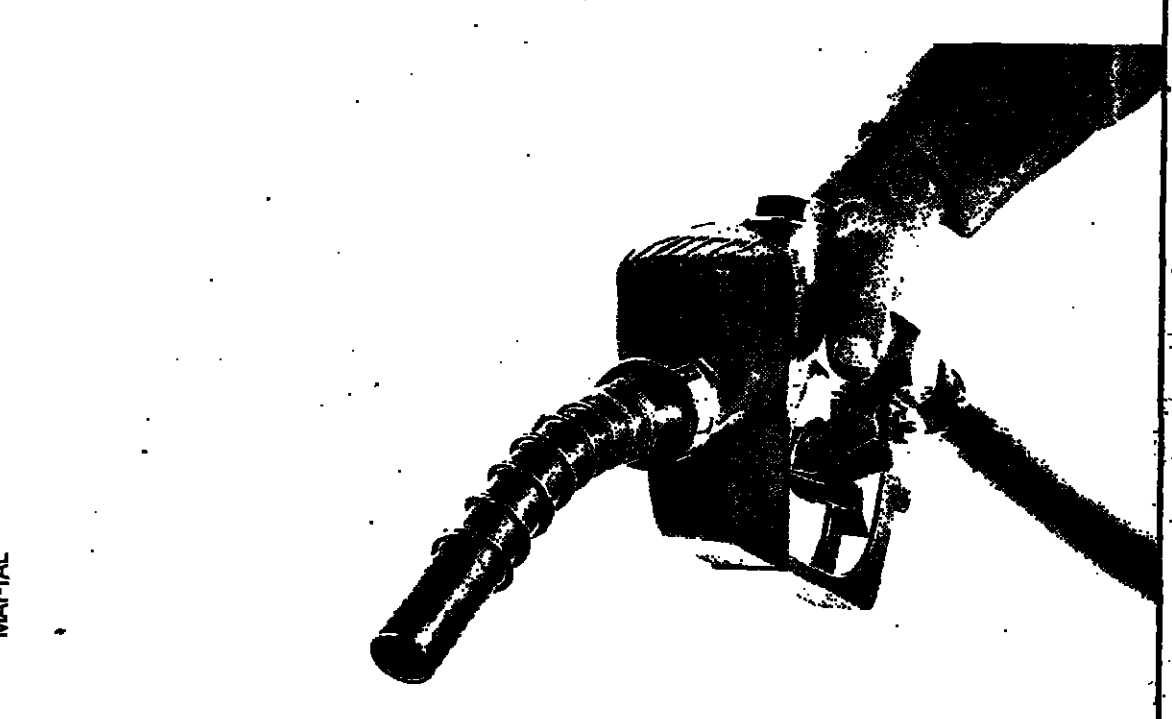
TURIN, Italy (Reuters). — Police said yesterday they had issued a warrant for the arrest of the son of a top Christian Democratic politician for the murder of Judge Emilio Alessandrini by the "Front Line" urban guerrillas.

They said the warrant was for Marco Donat Cattin, 24, son of Carlo Donat Cattin, 60, who resigned as deputy secretary of the Christian Democratic Party on May 30 because of the case. Three other men were sought on the same warrant.

The politician stepped down after seeking information about his son's case from Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga and allegations by repentant guerrilla Roberto Sandalo that Donat Cattin had tipped off Marco through Sandalo that he should go abroad.

Donat Cattin denied tipping off his son, who has been living in the underworld of Italy's urban guerrillas for some time, and said he sent him a message to give himself up.

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Soviets beef up forces around Afghan capital

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Reports from Western diplomats in Afghanistan said yesterday that the Soviet armed forces, faced with an increase in rebel activity around Kabul, have moved quickly to crush opposition and to protect the capital.

The reports reaching Pakistan said that during the past week flights of big military transport aircraft from the Soviet Union have increased to more than a dozen a day. They said that patrols of helicopter gunships and sorties by fighter-bombers have been intensified. Soviet positions around the capital have been strengthened and extra convoys of tanks and armoured vehicles have been seen leaving camps around Kabul and heading north and south of the city.

The reports said artillery fire and bombing can be heard most nights on the outskirts of Kabul.

"The Russians clearly perceive a new threat to Kabul and have moved swiftly," a Western diplomatic source said.

Inside Kabul the city remained

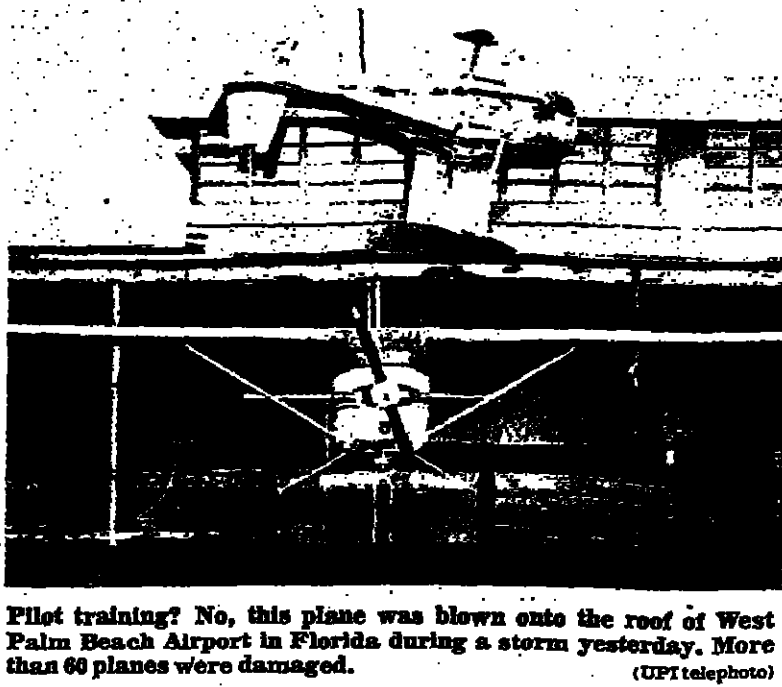
tense and emotions were high after more than a month of student-led protests against the Soviet presence, the reports said.

An urban guerrilla leader who reached Pakistan from Kabul this week said that a national uprising had begun in Kabul and no one but a small group of government supporters, numbering about 1,000, accepted the Soviet presence.

The reports from the diplomats in Kabul said President Babrak Karmal's government is isolated and clashes between the rival Khalq (masses) and Parcham (flag) factions of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan are increasing.

One diplomatic source said up to 20 persons have been killed in Kabul and Kandahar since the beginning of the month in inter-party fighting.

Meanwhile, a senior Afghan military leader has held talks in Moscow with Soviet defence chiefs on cooperation between the Soviet and Afghan armies, Tass news agency reported yesterday.



Pilot training? No, this plane was blown onto the roof of West Palm Beach Airport in Florida during a storm yesterday. More than 60 planes were damaged. (UPI telephoto)

French riot troops flown to restless New Hebrides

VILA, New Hebrides (Reuters). — About 60 French riot police flown into the New Hebrides last night after a spreading secessionist uprising in the South Pacific archipelago claimed its first victim.

The two platoons of police, armed with rifles, batons, and tear gas, were immediately deployed to guard public offices in the capital of Vila after an unsuccessful attack on government buildings by 200 separatists on the island of Tanna.

A member of the secessionist group was killed in the overnight

uprising on Tanna. It follows a two-week-long rebellion on the neighbouring island of Espiritu Santo by 800 secessionists against the joint British and French colonial rulers of the island chain.

The French paramilitary forces are the first outside troops to be sent to the troubled New Hebrides since Chief Minister Father Walter Lini, who will lead the country at independence next month, appealed to London and Paris for help in crushing the rebellion. Their initial job is to maintain law and order in the capital after British riot police were rushed from Vila earlier yesterday to help quell the trouble in Tanna.

India sends troops into riot-torn Tripura state

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Troops yesterday swarmed through the riot-torn Indian state of Tripura where hundreds of people have died in a civil war between tribesmen and immigrants from Bangladesh.

Six days of fighting with weapons ranging from bows and arrows to machineguns have left at least 800 dead and 50,000 homeless, according to official figures. Indian jour-

nalists in the northeast state, from which foreigners are banned, said the toll was much higher.

Government convoys from Delhi arrived in the Tripura capital of Agartala, which has borne the brunt of blood-letting.

Hundreds of extra troops and a para-military police have been rushed to Tripura and security forces have been told to shoot troublemakers on sight. Tripura's plunge into chaos began at the weekend when tribal militants launched a boycott of bazaars in protest against immigrants who now outnumber the local population by three to one.

French bandits net huge haul in bank robbery

BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT, France (UPI). — French police were searching for a gang of thieves on Wednesday who took a bank executive's family hostage in a bank robbery that could become one of the costliest in French history.

Officials said it could take several days to determine how much cash and valuables were taken from 90 of the bank's 360 safety deposit boxes broken into by the robbers at a Paris suburban branch of the Banque Paribas.

Police said the incident began on Tuesday night when an armed gang of about a dozen men stopped at the home of assistant bank manager Jacques Miat and told him he had smashed into Miat's parked car and would like to settle the matter in a friendly manner. Once inside the house, police said the man pulled out a gun and was joined by three accomplices. They then threatened to kill Miat's wife and two young children unless Miat opened the bank's vaults to them.

Carter wants to punish violators of Iran travel ban

WASHINGTON. — President Carter has said he is inclined to prosecute 10 Americans who broke his ban on travel to Iran, but former attorney-general Ramsey Clark, who led the group, shrugged off the president's comments.

Carter told reporters on Tuesday "My own inclination is to enforce my directive, and, when people violate it, to see that there is appropriate punishment."

Clark, stopping over in his return from Tehran, told CBS News that he was saddened by the president's comments, but added: "I don't think President Carter understands what law is. Suppose there really was a case against me. For him to talk about it poisons the case."

The other nine Americans who attended the Iranian conference on alleged U.S. crimes against the country have returned to the U.S., and Clark is expected home later this week.

One of the group said yesterday: "We all felt we did nothing wrong in attending the conference. In fact it means to be an American."

Carter said he supposed that the current attorney-general, Benjamin Civiletti, would seek only civil penalties against the group, but did not rule out the possibility of criminal proceedings.

The maximum penalty for violating the travel ban is a 10-year jail sentence and a fine of \$50,000.

The president, who returned to Washington last night, said "violation by misguided Americans like Mr. Clark" might make matters worse and expose the hostages to more danger.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini on Tuesday warned that Iran's revolution might self-destruct unless the Islamic hardliners controlling parliament halt their political war with President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

"If things remain this way we cannot survive, we cannot administer the country," Khomeini said in a speech to provincial governors delivered amid a dispute in the new parliament over who will become the country's prime minister.

Bani-Sadr has criticized diverse "decision making centres" for causing administrative problems for Khomeini's 17-month-old revolution. He has vowed to "unmask those opportunists trying to undermine the capabilities of the executive branch of the Islamic government."

Iranian Minister of State Darioush Foruhar yesterday said that the 83 American hostages must be tried without further delay in an Iranian court of law and those found innocent must be freed immediately.

Foruhar emphasized that the Iranian court must guarantee all legal principles, implying that the hostages must be given right of defence.

His remarks followed Bani-Sadr's warning to members of parliament earlier this week that a revolutionary trial of the hostages could bear unforeseeable consequences for Iran.

In Oslo, a poster under the big American flag reading "Stop the terror in Iran" greeted Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh yesterday upon his arrival for talks with Socialist leaders.

Ghotbzadeh will attend a meeting of the Socialist International Council today and tomorrow. Others expected are Socialist International president Willy Brandt of West Germany, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Spanish Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, who with former Swedish premier Olof Palme visited Iran last month to discuss the hostages issue. (AP, Reuters)

IN BRIEF

Sir Harold Wilson has major surgery

LONDON (UPI). — Former Labour government prime minister Sir Harold Wilson, 64, underwent major abdominal surgery yesterday at St. Mark's Hospital in London.

A hospital bulletin said his condition afterwards was "satisfactory."

Wilson, who has suffered long-term bowel trouble, entered St. Mark's hospital on Monday tests.

Angolan plane crash claims all 29 aboard

LISBON (Reuters). — All 29 aboard were killed when a South African Air Force C-130 Hercules transport plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday night.

The Angolan news agency said the crash of a C-130 Hercules transport plane on Tuesday night in the southern province of Namibe.

India not disclosing its arms purchases

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — India said yesterday that it would not disclose the arms purchases it has made with the Soviet Union in a deal last month.

Minister of State for Defence P. V. Narasimha Murthy would not be in the public interest to disclose all the weapons.

Reports immediately after the agreement was signed said would acquire Peta-class boats equipped with missiles to air and surface-to-surface missiles, rockets, anti-tank weapons and electronic equipment.

Aussie newsmen on strike over video

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Six Australian newspaper journeymen yesterday voted to return to work after a month-long stoppage over a pay dispute.

The 2,000 journalists on city newspapers voted 3-2 to accept a management pay offer of an extra 6 per cent a week (\$30) for operating video equipment, plus three extra days annual leave. Journalists had rejected a management offer of 5 per cent in their campaign for extra \$5 a week for operating new technology.

Comedian Pryor playing with fire

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Comedian Richard Pryor, who seriously burned in a fire home, has told doctors that he is making a fire known as "base" when the fire broke out.

Free base is derived from a complicated method of purifying cocaine by using ether and alcohol. The drug can be smoked, Pryor said.

Pryor, 38, is one of the best black comedians in the U.S. He picked up an ambulance 1.6 km. from his home on Monday night, burned over his face, chest and legs.

Bomb injures chief of United Airlines

CHICAGO (Reuters). — The chief of United Airlines, the domestic U.S. passenger airline, was injured yesterday when a pipe-bomb exploded in a package he was carrying.

Ferry Wood, 60, was said to go to hospital in a serious condition. He is recovering from injuries to his face, body, arm and leg.

Ethiopia drought relief

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said yesterday that drought-stricken areas of eastern and southern Ethiopia.

An agreement signed here Tuesday provides for the FAO to supply 132,732 tons of wheat at \$90 a ton of vegetable oil over the next four years.

Ethiopian officials say millions of people are affected by drought.

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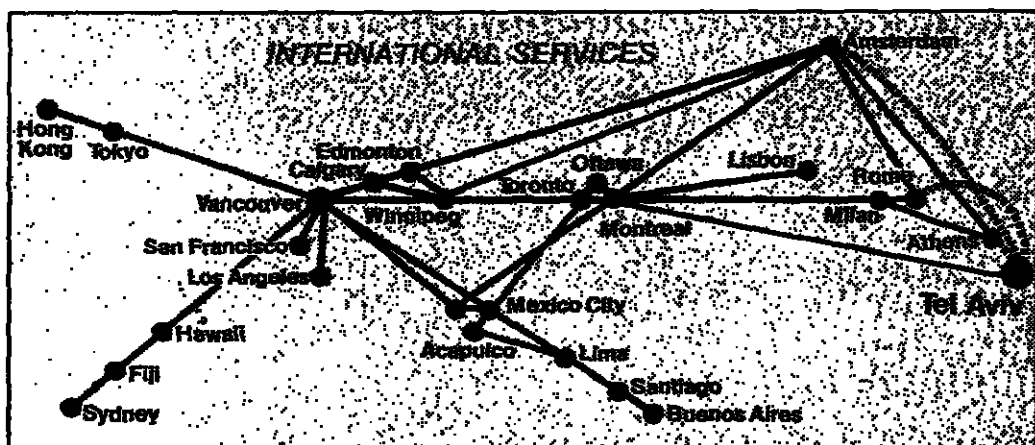
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Soviets gain in the 'cosmic relay race'

MOSCOW (AP). — While the U.S. struggles with technical problems delaying its space shuttle, the Soviet Union is moving ahead with a space programme aimed at enhancing the endurance of men and equipment on long-term orbital missions.

The momentum of the Soviet space programme was dramatized earlier this month when two cosmonauts rocketed into orbit aboard the redesigned Soyuz 23 craft only two days after a Soviet-Hungarian crew returned to earth.

"Our space shots are now becoming as frequent as airplane flights," boasted Soviet space correspondent Boris Kononov in the government newspaper "Izvestia." He likened

the space effort to a "cosmic relay race."

The last American manned space flight was in July 1975, when Apollo 17 linked up with a Soyuz capsule for a joint U.S.-Soviet mission during a brief bloom in East-West détente.

Problems with heat-protective tiles and other components have pushed back by two years — to March 1981 — the expected launch date for the jumbo-sized, sweeping American space shuttle.

There have been unconfirmed reports that the Soviets may be developing their own reusable shuttle craft.

However, Western space experts in Moscow generally expect that for

the time being the Soviet manned space programme will continue to rely on the Salyut-Soyuz orbital complex system it has been perfecting since 1971.

The orbital complex consists of a cylindrical Salyut space station — 14 metres long and weighing almost 21 tons — plus Soyuz capsules docked at either end. Unmanned cargo ships are used to send fresh supplies, mail, replacement equipment and other items to the Salyut's crew.

The current station, Salyut-6, has been in orbit since Sept. 29, 1977. According to Soviet space officials, Salyut-6 already has travelled 800 million kilometres.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.10 Math 7, 8.30 English 9, 9.00 Special Education: Our Hour, 9.30 Language and Communications 3-5, 10.10 English 9, 10.30 Math/Geometry 5, 10.45 Program for kindergartners, 11.10 English 7, 11.30 Music 3-4, 12.00 Advice and Guidance 7-9, 12.30 Mathematics, 12.40 Literature 10-12, 13.10 French, 13.50 Geometry 3-6, English 7-8, French (repeats), 15.00 Fly station, 15.25 Literature, 16.40 Rhythms and Movement in Art, 17.00 On Ve-Ed — TV game.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Carousel, 18.00 What's Up — people and events in the news, 18.30 Language and Communications 3-5, 10.10 English 9, 10.30 Math/Geometry 5, 10.45 Program for kindergartners, 11.10 English 7, 11.30 Music 3-4, 12.00 Advice and Guidance 7-9, 12.30 Mathematics, 12.40 Literature 10-12, 13.10 French, 13.50 Geometry 3-6, English 7-8, French (repeats), 15.00 Fly station, 15.25 Literature, 16.40 Rhythms and Movement in Art, 17.00 On Ve-Ed — TV game.

ADULT LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES: 18.30 News roundup, 18.35 Khall's stories, 19.00 Between Citizen and State — a panel answers questions from the audience, 19.30 News, 19.35 Hebrew PROGRAMMES resume at 20.30 with a news roundup, 20.35 Match of the Week, 21.00 Programme Trailer, 21.05 Match newscast, 21.30 Documentary — Explorers: Columbus discovers America (in colour), 22.30 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.

Episode 5 of a 7-part series based on the book by John Le Carré, starring Sir Alec Guinness, and Beryl Reid. 23.10 Add Elston-Zak performs songs by Kurt Weill, Bizet and Britten accompanied by Yonatan Zak. 23.45 Almost midnight — news JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.40 Cartoons, 18.30 French Hour, 19.00 News in French, 19.30 News in Hebrew, 20.00 News in Arabic, 20.30 The Muppet Show, 21.30 The Survivor, 22.00 News in English, 22.15 Movie of the Week.

ON THE AIR

First Programme: 6.15 Morning Melodies, 7.00 Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor; Weber: Grand Duo Concertant op. 48, for Clarinet and Piano; Haydn: Introduction and Allegro for Harp and Six Instruments (Melos); 8.05 Debussy: Ombra (Boulez); Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2, op. 83 (Milei Gilels); Bartok: Suite No. 1, op. 3 (Dorati); 10.05 Radio story, 10.15 Elementary school broadcasts, 10.40 Education for All, 11.15 Elementary school broadcasts, 11.30 Folk music, 12.05 (stereo) Schumann: Caravaggio, op. 9 (Michael Stader); Brahms: 3 Songs; Debussy: Lyrical Process (Anat Heltzer, soprano).

13.00 Koechuch: Bassoon Concerto; Schumann: Symphony No. 3, op. 97, Ferish (Barenboim); 14.00 Children's programmes, 15.35 Reflections on the portion of the week (repeat), 15.55 Notes on a new book, 16.05 (stereo) The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — C.P.B. Bach: Concerto for Orchestra; Britten: Symphony for Cello and Orchestra (Raphael Sommer, Bruno Campanella); Bizet: L'Arlesienne, Suites Nos. 1 and 2; 17.35 Programmes for Olim, 20.05 Music Magazine, 21.00 Everyman's University, 21.30 Talmud Lesson, 21.50 Introduction to the Oral Law, 22.05 (stereo) The West Switzerland Orchestra, Horst Stein conducting with Rudolf Buchwalter, piano — Matthieu Viger: "Light and Peace"; Hechtova: Piano Concerto No. 4; Ravell: Rhapsody, bagpipe; Daphnis et Chloe, 23.25 (stereo) Jazz X 57, 00.10 (stereo) Musical Miniatures.

Second Programme

7.00 This Morning — news magazine, 8.10 Good Morning — songs, chat, 10.10 At Home, 12.05 Productive Pace — programme for workers and employers, 12.30 Road safety broadcasts, 13.00 Midday — news commentary, music, 14.10 Stage and Screen, 15.05 Sephardi Songs — recordings of

a live performance, 16.10 Any Questions? 17.10 Beautiful Land, 18.45 Bible Reading — Kings I, 18-19, 48, 19.00 Today — people and events in the news, 20.10 Between Friday and Saturday — repeat of the weekend programme, 21.05 Folk songs, 22.05 On a Deserted Island, 23.05 Just Between Us — listeners air their problems.

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yehuda Bauer talks about the Holocaust, 7.07 "TOT" — Alex Anati presents music and selections from the morning newspapers, 8.05 IDF Morning newscast, 8.05 Morning Sounds, 11.05 Israeli summer — Eli Yaraeli's morning programme, 12.45 Quarter to One — current affairs, 14.05 Two Hours — music, art, cinema and theatre reviews; interviews, anecdotes and music, 16.05 Matinee with Orly Yaniv, 17.05 IDF Evening newscast, 18.05 Economics Magazine, 19.05 Hebrew Hit Parade, 21.05 Mahat Newscast, 21.30 University on the Air (repeat), 22.05 Waves Down Deep — 30 years in a submarine (repeat), 23.05 Classical Favourite, 00.05 Night Birds.

Broadcasts in English: 7.00 (Fourth, Fifth), 14.00 (Fourth, Fifth), 18.00 (Fourth), 20.00 (Fourth), 22.00 (Fifth), 00.30 (Fifth). * Fourth programme: 737 MHz. Jerusalem area 674: central Israel 1025. * Fifth programme: Short wave and FM 89.2 MHz.

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NEWS COMMENTARY

Second Programme: Following the news at 7 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Army Radio: Following the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. news and at 11.40 p.m.

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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM, 4, 7, 9 Eden: Five Days from Home 7, 9; Eden: City in Flames; Habraha: You've Been Had... You Turkey; Efrat: The Cowards; Mitchell: Slit 6.45, 9; Orlit: Running; Orion: Tom Horn; Orna: Kramer vs. Kramer; Rami: The Golden Girl; Sema: Minute Express 7, 9; Shalom: Rocky Horror Picture Show 7, 9; Cinema 1: Taxi Driver 7, 9.35; Israel Museum: Storm Boy 3.30.

TEL AVIV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30 Alhady: The Electric Horseman; Ben-Yehuda: Yanks 4, 6.45, 9.30; Caspi: Police War; Cinema Two: Noris: Rocco Delal: Kramer vs. Kramer 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: The Prisoner 7.15, 9.30; Esther: City on Fire; Gas: Starling Over: Gorden: Breaking Away; Had: The Cowards; Lamer: Bloodline 4.30, 7, 9.30; Maxia: L'Amour Vole: Mognati: Scum: Ophir: The Border U.S.A.; Ory: You've Been Had... You Turkey; Paris: An American Friend; Peet: What's Up Doc?; Ramat Aviv: Days of Heaven 7.15, 9.30; Tue. also 4.30; Shalom: Rocco Delal: Kramer vs. Kramer 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: The Prisoner 7.15, 9.30; Esther: City on Fire; Gas: Starling Over: Gorden: Breaking Away; Had: The Cowards; Lamer: Bloodline 4.30, 7, 9.30; Maxia: L'Amour Vole: Mognati: Scum: Ophir: The Border U.S.A.; Ory: You've Been Had... 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IN Focus

ANSWERING THE COMPTROLLER

By DAVID KRIVINE/Jerusalem Post Correspondent

THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S annual report on the public service in Israel is devastating. One eminent commentator described it as "damning testimony to our inability to govern ourselves."

This observation is justifiable if the report is viewed as the verdict of a court of justice. But that is not altogether fair. The State Comptroller is an investigating body. It presents the case for the prosecution. We have not been given a paper hearing on the defence.

The yearly commission volume of the report, entitled "Reactions of the Treasury," is grossly inadequate, and should perhaps not be published any longer. Most of the space is filled with selections from the report itself, as if to refresh our memories about the charges.

The response is often confined to a curt, almost sulky one- or two-sentence announcement, to the effect that the criticized ministry takes note of the accusation and will try to do better next time.

But is it conceivable that large departments of state should be guilty of such crude ineptitudes, such as serious errors of judgment with no explanation given? Civil servants are not, in our recollection, very different from their opposite numbers in other branches of the economy. Why should they go so wrong? What do these respondents have to say in their defence? We decided to ask.

WE CHOSE six subjects: the allocation of long-term housing contracts to two foreign companies, Sisco and Sigma, when local ones are under-employed (Housing Ministry); the increase in the price of public housing far exceeding the increase in building costs (Housing Ministry again); the failure to control prices in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism; the incompetence of the ports authority in its transaction with building companies for harbour development projects (Transport Ministry); the failure in overall financial management (the Treasury); and the payment of inflated commissions to import agents when buying foreign arms (Defence Ministry).

All ministries welcomed our inquiry and offered their cooperation, except the Defence Ministry. Its spokesman, Danny Weinreich, said:

"Our replies to the State Comptroller's criticisms are addressed only to the Treasury," which is not much use, since the material is buried there.

An attempt to get at least a background briefing almost succeeded, but not quite. Present disputations over the defence portfolio may have had their distracting effect.

FIRST, then, price control. The report on the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism leaves the impression that attempts to prevent arbitrary price rises (on goods that are not fully exposed to competitive conditions) work better in theory than in practice.

It all started in 1971, and the price then prevailing for each commodity was taken as basic, regardless of whether it was excessively high or low. Since then, the report alleges, requests for change are received by the ministry only when the cost of raw materials rises, not when it drops.

On the other hand, other factors — the cost of capital, depreciation, profits, even overheads — are ignored. Yet firms are known to ask for a price rise because their profits have dropped, and that request is sometimes granted.

Altogether, the system operates too loosely, and the purpose of price control, which is to prevent a price-plus system (and make firms improve their efficiency in order to survive), is not — the report implies — properly achieved.

WE MET WITH Avraham Asheri, deputy director-general of the ministry, Ovadia Shragay, controller of prices, and Zeev Galmon, controller of cartels.

"We didn't invent the rules," says Asheri. "They were laid down

for us by an agreement between the Government, the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association. We were instructed to accept the prices prevailing in 1971 as basic.

"Likewise, we were instructed to ignore factors like depreciation and the cost of credit; the employers were supposed to 'absorb' such increments at their own expense. Remember, the inflation was running at the rate of only a few percentage points a year."

The situation has changed since then, and inflation has become rampant. "But changing the tripartite agreement proved to be mission impossible," he said. "So we have to operate within the system."

Devoted civil servants use their mother-wit to make rigid controls work, that is what good administration is all about. "We allowed too much here, in order to offset too little there."

The deviations criticized in the report are not all in the same direction. Over-estimating input costs pushes prices up, while ignoring depreciation and overheads pushes prices down. These opposite trends are not a coincidence. The important thing is the end-price, Asheri implies. The ministry should be judged by that.

"The State Comptroller blames us for taking raw-material prices into account only when they rise, not when they drop. But we have to consider that the manufacturers carry stocks for several months ahead. If we reduce their selling price straightaway, they may suffer grievous losses."

"Another thing: if raw-material prices drop on the world market, the exchange rate of the Israeli pound is likely to fall as well, so shifts in the world price are not necessarily reflected in the Israeli

manufacturer's local currency outlays."

The State Comptroller is right to check and record any deviations from the rule book. But the criteria are themselves not always perfect. Shragay points out. Obeying them blindly could make the whole system seize up.

"Don't think we didn't try to change the method of operation. We appointed committees to examine the whole subject — the Lahav Committee, the Barshay Committee," said Asheri.

"Even these expert bodies could not solve the problem completely, because there are so many imponderables. But we were able to learn that we had not strayed too far from the right path."

The Barshay committee recommended that the profit on active capital be allowed an 80 per cent linkage to the index. Asheri recalls. "We examined 15 files retrospectively to see what changes would have been necessary had we adopted this new rule earlier. The prices fixed at the time stood up to the test. There would have been no need to change them."

The aim is not to apply the rules automatically, regardless of the consequences. The rules are a guideline; the aim is to fix a fair price. The ministry thinks it achieved that object. The State Comptroller is not sure that that was so in every case.

THE TREASURY, which controls public expenditure, is taken severely to task by the State Comptroller for failing to cut outlays. When a Supplementary Budget was presented in 1979/79, the Knesset Finance Committee decided to trim expenditure by IL2,842m. But the allocation was not abolished, it was transferred to reserve — whence it

was pumped right back to those very clauses which had been reduced.

Manpower cuts were treated in much the same way. Some ministries compensated for loss of personnel due to budget economies by taking on more personnel in outside institutions under their control.

The Treasury borrows dear and lends cheap. It puts loan money into projects that do not create income, like roads and military camps. It uses borrowed funds to cover the running costs of the administration.

Finally — and this was an accusation made by Dr. Nebenzahl, the State Comptroller, in a TV interview — the country has run up a foreign debt so large that this could choke future development.

EZRA SADAN, head of the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority, severely criticizes this last statement, which he describes as "reckless."

"Dr. Nebenzahl was speaking on a public platform, and the foreign banks could hear what he had to say. If he believed him, we would be in trouble. Fortunately they didn't. Israel faces a problem in the long term, but not in the coming years. Her credit remains good. Dr. Nebenzahl was over-reacting," Sadan declares.

It was wise to borrow, he maintains, because the money was used to expand output. "The problem today is not the foreign debt inherited from the past, it is the current balance of payments."

Past loans were obtained mostly on favourable terms. Inflation of the dollar is reducing the real cost of Israel's obligations year by year.

The burden is not beyond bearing, provided we narrow the trade gap — and we can do it," he says.

"Israel is a developed economy. We don't have to start from scratch, like many of the Third World countries. During the six-month period September-March, our exports rose by \$750m. It's a tremendous feat. And we can repeat it. The problem is not to initiate a new process, it is to accelerate processes that already exist."

"Of course, we have over-borrowed in the past. Not all our loans were used productively, that is true. But some of the loans that

the State Comptroller criticizes were justified," he insists.

"Loans that augment the productive capacity of the country even indirectly, for example through road-building, are resource-creating, and therefore worth taxing. The State has to supplement the banking system. A young person cannot borrow for his education by 'hooking' himself — because the bank will not accept a human individual as collateral."

"So the government must rectify this shortcoming by borrowing collectively to finance education — and all countries do it."

The failure to cut public expenditure as required derives from a misunderstanding of the budgetary process, according to Ezra Sadan. "Reducing money totals or manpower totals is meaningless," he says. "You have to abolish functions."

That means eliminating certain military installations, providing less free medical services, reducing extra-curricular activities at the schools. Unless such specific decisions are made, the budget cuts are just theoretical. You can't keep a clinic open and not pay the rent or salaries. The only way to save the money is to close the clinic. And opposition to such economies is ferocious.

The government should not borrow lightly and unlinked, says the State Comptroller. "We know that," Sadan retorts, "and attempts are being made to reverse the system. But there are practical problems to be faced, and we have not yet worked out how to handle them."

If an industrialist is confined to index-linked loans, other changes are needed, too. His assets must be linked as well as his liabilities, for purposes of tax, for purposes of supplying collateral. A whole revolution is needed in the accounting system. Financial experts are scratching their heads over this dilemma in other countries, now that inflation has taken hold."

In summary, if the State Comptroller finds much to criticize in the public sector, it is because the problems are difficult, not because the civil servants are negligent, Treasury men believe.

(This is the first of three articles.)



Mark and Luda Nashpits

Fight for freedom

By RAZZY ADAM Special to The Jerusalem Post

"WHY MUST my boy pay for my actions? He was only eight years old when I defected," says Haim Nashpits, a former captain in the Red Army who defected from the Soviet Union in 1956 while on an official mission to Denmark and now lives in Israel.

Haim's son Mark, 32, a stomatologist, has been consistently refused a visa for Israel over the years. In 1975, while participating in a peaceful demonstration in Moscow, he was taken into custody, tried and condemned to five years' exile in Siberia. After his release, he was allowed to return to Moscow, but was denied formal registration, lodging and employment.

For over nine months, Dr. Nashpits and his wife Luda, a Russian who converted to Judaism, lived on hope alone. But a few weeks ago, he was summoned to General Zotov (head of OVIR — the department in charge of exit permits) and was told clearly that he would not be permitted to leave Russia because of his father's treason. Mark and Luda were told to leave Moscow immediately for Stronino, a small town about 200 km. away.

In 1974, Ita Nashpits, Mark's mother, was granted a visa and promised by high Soviet officials that her son would follow. But fate dictated otherwise.

At present, Mark is still unemployed. His wife is in her final months of pregnancy, and their future is dim.

Haim Nashpits, now old and sick beyond his 58 years, says he is willing to stand trial for his so-called treason. After all, what is his crime? In 1947, when he heard Russia give its approval to the establishment of the Jewish state, he felt moved to go to his national homeland.

SINCE 1956, Haim Nashpits has been campaigning for the release of his wife and son. He has staged demonstrations, written letters and given interviews to journalists. In return, he has received moral support from people throughout the world. The international organization of Jewish dentists — Alpha Omega — has decided to take an active part in the struggle, and appealed to the Russians for Mark's release. Petitions signed by thousands of doctors were sent to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev from Israel and France.

In the meantime, Haim and Ita Nashpits live for the occasional letters they receive from their only son.

Mark, still hoping to rejoin his parents and raise his child in Israel, has renounced his Soviet citizenship and acquired Israeli nationality. He has even taught himself Hebrew. In one of his letters to his mother he says that although he knows that life in Israel is not easy, Israel is the only place for him.

The case of Mark Nashpits is unlike that of any of other Russian defectors. Here, a man is being punished for his father's deeds, committed 25 years ago. Can the Russians not forgive and forget?

Shaping up for a showdown

By SIMON WINCHESTER/Washington



Edward Kennedy

well indeed on the final primary day, will have a major effect on the New York convention.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN is going to be the site of battle royal. Two forces of party loyalists, each convinced their man is the rightful leader of the Democratic challenge to Ronald Reagan's Republican Party, will come out fighting.

Senator Kennedy won important victories in New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Dakota and, most important, in the nation's largest state, California. He was beaten narrowly by Carter in Ohio, and lost by sizeable margins in three politically insignificant states, West Virginia, Montana and New Mexico.

The final day of the primaries was thus his most successful, winning him more delegates than any candidate has ever won in a single day.

Kennedy — who declared that

"this is the first day of the rest of the campaign" — could fairly claim that he had beaten the president (and thus proved Carter relatively unpopular) in states where a Democratic victory is vitally necessary to prevent Ronald Reagan stealing the presidency."

And the polls bear him out. In all the big cities, the analyses showed, were turning from Carter to Kennedy. Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, for instance, were displaying marked swings towards the young senator, swings that Carter can hardly afford to ignore, despite his overall victory in the race for the nomination.

The president, though, let it be known he disagreed with Kennedy's view. He called the results — which have pushed him over the point at which his nomination in New York is a numerical certainty — a "wonderful victory." He held out an olive branch to the Massachusetts senator and said he would be



Jimmy Carter

welcome back into the Carter fold.

KENNEDY DOES NOT intend to yield to the president's blandishments, and will take his "moral triumph," as he sees it, all the way to New York.

His options there are limited. He

AMERICA'S 30-year-old system of primary elections is under attack from a growing number of critics. They have many technical reasons for disliking primaries — one of the most serious being that they tend to create candidates too early in an election year and take no account of the possibility that voters will change their minds later.

Another, rather less weighty, argument is that primaries have taken all the fun out of the great nomination conventions. In times past, the convention was a magnificent circus, convened for the specific purpose of nominating, a candidate to fight the November election: an effervescent display of political mayhem.

But now the conventions are little more than coronation ceremonies, called merely to confirm a candidate already chosen through the primaries.

This year, however, there seems very good chance that some of the magic will creep back, at least in the Democratic Party's convention in New York's Madison Square Garden in the sweltering dog-days of August.

For in the past four months, the primaries — which began with gusto in January and ended with glee early this month in places as

France relives its wartime shame

By PAUL WEBSTER/Paris

FOR THE FIRST time in 40 years, the French are beginning to learn a truth about the humiliating article they signed with the Nazis, June 18, 1940.

As the anniversary approaches, historians, newspapers, radio and television combine to dispel the myth that the defeat was somehow combination of bad luck and external treachery.

This ostrich approach is summarised by the historian Father P. Bruckberger. He says the such are so ashamed of the true reasons "that we must forget them any price."

"We have decided to become a lion without honour and without a tail because we feel the obligation to judge ourselves," he says.

The French are not yet ready to face the 10-year-old documentary "Chagrin et la Pitié," which exposes wartime collaboration, and is banned by State television. However, soon it will be inevitable to see the French defeat as anything other than a failure of moral character.

TWO YEARS AGO, "Le Figaro's" four magazine, under the direction of the historian Jean Bérthoin, began a series of edited articles tracing the ill-fated battle for the national soul. The series is now well into its first stages of the German invasion. It features old French headlines: "Our Troops Advance

Rapidly in Belgium." "The Fabulous Battle of Fighter Planes." "The Enemy Suffers Heavy Losses, Especially in Tanks," and "French 75s Crush the Panzers."

Paralleling the series are radio phone-ins, a 15-minute-a-day TV documentary, reprinted memoirs and dozens of press articles. They establish that, at the moment these headlines were printed, the French Army was in flight, its officers in the lead, the Government was demoralised, and political life rent by petty hatreds.

"What followed was ugly," Father Bruckberger says. "The masses released, the spinners were released, France defeated itself more than it was defeated."

"This is not the kind of language the French are used to. For years, each man has cherished his own myth — France was sabotaged by Communists, betrayed by Britain, corrupted by the bourgeoisie or harried by plain bad luck."

The fact that one and a half million Frenchmen surrendered in a battle which lasted only five days has been buried in the national subconscious. The fact has now to be faced that France and its allies had as many men, planes, and advanced weapons as the Germans.

The Germans had the will to fight. "Figaro" has published a poll showing how little the French know of the most catastrophic event in their history, even though more than half the present population lived through it. Fifty per cent believed Germany declared war on France; 19 per cent knew that France had 100,000 dead; 33 per cent said the French Army fought with courage.

THE BLAME WAS placed by 56 per cent on the lack of preparation by Third Republic governments. Fifty-nine per cent had no idea that Marshal Philippe Pétain was legitimately installed in power as the collaborationist Head of State by the French Parliament; 66 per cent were favourable to Pétain despite the fact that he was condemned to life imprisonment for treason.

Several historians, including Henri Amouroux, who has made a detailed chronicle of the war years, still cannot accept the fact of total national breakdown; instead they search for excuses such as the difference in population sizes. Until there is a consensus that the

nation as a whole failed — except for the handful who rallied to de Gaulle — France's most important domestic battles are still likely to revolve around the war-record of its politicians.

President Giscard d'Estaing, who was born in Germany, was young enough not to be involved in the surrender, and old enough to fight with the liberating French Second Armoured Division in 1944.

Many still vote for the Communist Party from the belief that the Social Democrats are Nazis in disguise. The party itself was recently victim of a post-war vendetta.

Its Secretary-General, Georges Marchais, was accused of spending four years in Nazi Germany as a voluntary aircraft worker for Messerschmitt — a smear campaign which is said to have destroyed his chances in the French presidential election next year.

France's First Women's Affairs Minister, Francoise Giroud, lost her position three years ago, mainly over a false claim that she was awarded a Resistance medal. The Socialist leader, Francois

Mitterrand, has to defend himself regularly against an accusation that he received a Vichy medal from Pétain.

EVERY MAJOR French political strategy — its huge standing army, its nuclear force, its eccentric foreign policy — derives from defeat and guilt. They are at the root of its vain campaign in Indo-China, its stubbornness and cruelty in Algeria, its military intervention policy in Africa, and renewed anti-Americanism. All have helped revive a belief in a France with a national destiny.

When Giscard and the Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac engage in

their presidential struggle next year, each will be afraid of exposing his weaknesses. Chirac, who was only a child during the war years, will try to establish himself as the legitimate heir of de Gaulle. Yet Giscard helped bring down de Gaulle, and Chirac's policies would have dismayed him.

Yet there is probably no contemporary French politician who will be judged with the severity that Bruckberger applies in discussing France's political and military leaders 40 years ago: Lebrun, Daladier, Blum, Reynaud, Gamelin, and Weygand.

"Good chaps, if you like, intelligent even, but wet rats — wet rats," he says. "Cowardice and mediocrity have done more for the unhappiness of our people than any form of treason."

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- 3 Happens (5)
- 4 Part of the foot (3)
- 5 Condition (5)
- 6 Musical term (7)
- 7 Stalk (4)
- 8 Whole (5)
- 9 Row of houses (7)
- 10 Skill (3)
- 11 Drying cloth (5)
- 12 Prepared (5)
- 13 Looks steadily (5)
- 14 Equipped to fight (5)
- 15 Tolerate (5)
- 16 Prophet (5)
- 17 Place (3)
- 18 Mooks (7)
- 19 Creator (5)
- 20 Restrict (5)
- 21 Christian (5)
- 22 Refer to (7)
- 23 On no occasion (5)
- 24 Remains (5)

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Quack, it's time to advance (5)
- 2 One not easily cowed? (5)
- 3 Really cocoa mixture in the (5)
- 4 No true metal (5)
- 5 High bridge component (5)
- 6 In a stand, a truce-breaker (5)
- 7 Indians at uncle's (7)
- 8 Settled with the weather forecasting? (7)
- 9 "There's one record" (5)
- 10 To us, mark, Gacy is sweet (5)

DOWN

- 1 Vessel in a drawer? (5)
- 2 Some nice dark wood (5)
- 3 Bear in a police car (5)
- 4 Writer's place (5)
- 5 She may follow Rose (5)
- 6 Some sort of nasty pests (5)
- 7 A beastly projection (5)
- 8 They cover localities (7)
- 9 Doesn't change place! (5)
- 10 All set to get the girl (5)
- 11 Deals with outtings, etc. (5)
- 12 Hard centre, perhaps (5)
- 13 Hot today man (4)
- 14 In which England has a worldly distinction? (3)

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW



Rehovot residents participate in a guided tour of their city as part of the 90th anniversary celebrations.

THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH

By YITZHAK OKED/Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT IS younger than its sister moshavot Patah Tikva, Rishon LeZion and even Gedera, and the spirit of youth is what this city is trying to retain as it celebrates its 90th birthday.

Yehezkel Harmelech, the 47-year-old mayor who was born and raised in Rehovot, is doing all he can to maintain the youthful spirit of the town, or as he and many of its veterans like to call it, "Hemoshava."

The town had its start in 1890 under Turkish rule, and played host to Theodor Herzl during his historic visit here. It was an early center of the citrus industry and was chosen by Professor Volcani for the country's first agricultural research station. Later, it was picked by Professor Chaim Weizmann to build the Ziv Institute, now the Weizmann Institute, where Israel's first president lived, died and is buried.

But the shock which has rocked Rehovot over the past couple of



Yehezkel Harmelech... rebuilding confidence.

years was the imprisonment of its former mayor and member of Knesset Shmuel Rechtman, sentenced to three and a half years in prison for accepting a bribe from a contractor.

Current mayor Harmelech has had a hard time rebuilding the confidence of the residents and their respect for the job.

He refuses to speak about Rechtman (both are members of the Liberal Party) but points out that even before Rechtman was convicted, he refused to have him on his list. Despite entering the mayoralty race only one month before the elections, Harmelech won an outstanding 65 per cent vote of confidence.

A former general manager of Kupat Holim Meuhedet, the mayor has managed in a relatively short time to reduce the city's deficit and bring new people into top jobs at the municipality.

But Harmelech is proud of his success in stopping the building boom that was one of the trademarks of the Rechtman administration.

"I don't want Rehovot to turn into a crowded town, but to be a pleasant place to live where people will be able to enjoy a pleasant life style, which should include large doses of culture and sports," he said.

REHOVOT TODAY is at the peak of four months of celebrations, which have included about 100 different sports and cultural events. One highlight is a revival of the Kibbutz Dalia-type, 1940s and '50s folk dance festival.

All events are being run on a low budget of IS300,000, and most work is being done on a voluntary basis, with a lot of help coming from local school children.

Excited by the response and the success of these events in Rehovot, Harmelech is now weighing the possibility of turning some events, like the song and dance festivals and the art exhibitions, into an annual happening, a Rehovot Summer Festival, aimed not only at local residents but also at visitors from abroad.

"We have the potential of turning this moshava into a centre for cultural events. For example, 22 per cent of the adult population of Rehovot are professionals, compared to the national average of 7 per cent. With such a potential, we simply cannot fail," he said.

To fulfil his goals for the future of Rehovot, the mayor is anxiously searching for contributions to build a huge sports stadium in the town. Rehovot has two good soccer



The warning bell of Hamaehava, which once alerted settlers to imminent Arab attacks, fires and funerals. It was also used for calling the settlers to meetings. The bell has been mounted in a modern setting, designed by local sculptor Alfred Zucker. It now stands in Rehovot's Kikar Ha'atmanut.

teams, both of them from the town's Yemenite quarters, Sha'arayim and Marmorek, but no stadium. Its handball team is the national champion, but must play in towns as far away as Tel Aviv and Holon.

Harmelech, who was a star football and handball player in his youth, is very sensitive to this issue. Today he is also on the board of the Maccabi sports movement.

THE SECOND project for which he is seeking contributions is the remodelling of the town's Beit Ha'am auditorium, which can seat about 1,000 people. But it was built at the beginning of the century and is in desperate need of a facelift.

In several speeches during the 90th anniversary celebrations, the mayor has called on residents to contribute, and donations have already started trickling in. Perhaps typical of Rehovot's special atmosphere is the fact that a group of high school pupils held a special pop concert, collecting the first IS1,500 for the remodelling of Beit Ha'am.

ONE OF THE figures in Rehovot's emblem is a bunch of oranges. The town is proud of its role as a pioneer

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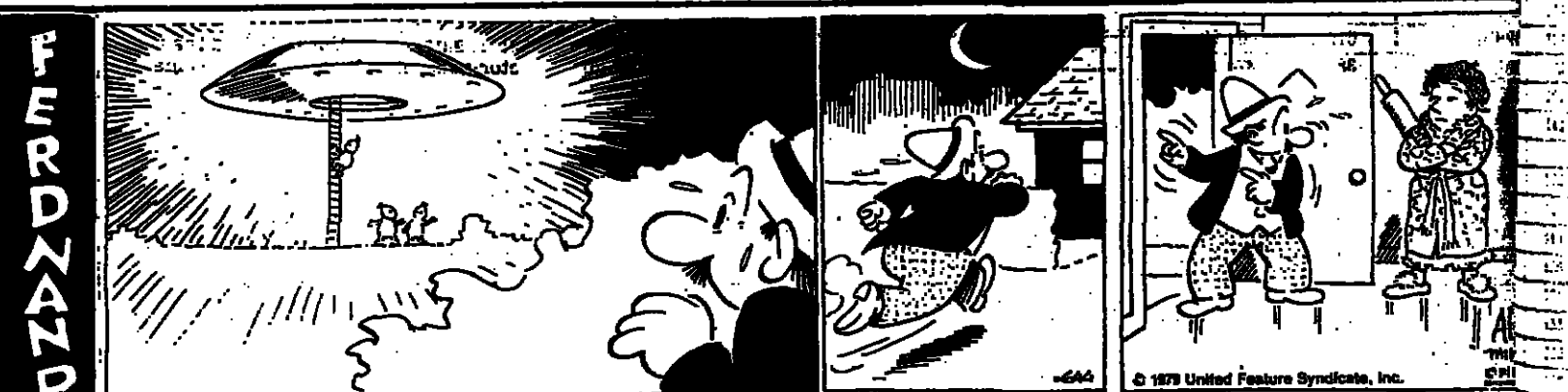


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Talks as a target

THE RESUMPTION of the autonomy talks, suspended by President Sadat five weeks ago, is now in the offing. Taking the initiative, the U.S. has already issued invitations to Israel and Egypt for a new round of discussions to open in Washington later this month.

It seems Mr. Carter is determined to show that not even a presidential election campaign will divert him from his concern with the advancement of Middle East peace. And Edmund Muskie, the new secretary of state, appears eager to show himself a worthy successor, if nothing else, to the departed Cyrus Vance.

Therefore, with or without a new target date to replace May 26, it may, for a while in any case, be full speed ahead on the autonomy.

Judging by what we know, however, the prospects of success are not significantly better now than they were in early May, when the talks were wilfully suspended by President Sadat.

At the moment Israel and Egypt are still as wide apart as ever in their conceptions of the autonomy, with the U.S. taking a position that is perhaps even closer to the Egyptian than before.

The differences between the negotiating parties have been glaring enough for over a year now. But they have been thrown into especially sharp relief by several statements made during the past few days, notably by Mr. Muskie and Mr. Begin.

At bottom, the argument is not about the autonomy itself but about its final outcome, five years after its hoped-for inauguration.

Mr. Begin wants to assure that the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza remain, one way or another, Israel's forever, and never be made into a Palestinian state; Mr. Sadat, that they be placed under Arab, and in one way or another Palestinian, rule; Mr. Carter, that they mostly be denied to Israel but that otherwise all options remain open including (if Mr. Muskie speaks for the president) the previously rejected idea of a Palestinian state.

The argument is in part theoretical, but only in part — for the simple reason that Israel alone is now in effective control of the territories and could, if so allowed, predetermine their future.

That is precisely what the U.S. and Egypt are determined not to allow Israel under cover of the autonomy. That, too, is why the otherwise marginal issue of the settlements overshadows everything else, including Israel's claim (unwarranted under the Camp David agreement) for a monopoly on external and internal security in the territories.

The U.S., Mr. Muskie said on Monday, opposes any effort to use the negotiations to lay the foundations for a Palestinian state. That should please Mr. Begin. But Mr. Muskie also warned against any attempt by Israel to unilaterally set up settlements on private or even public land in the territories and in so doing prejudice their final status.

This will displease Mr. Begin. But he cannot escape the criticism, and the implied warning of responsibility for the breakdown of the talks, if he keeps on insisting on Israel's "inalienable right" to settle in "the land of our forefathers."

For the plain implication is the assertion not of a claim but of a proven legal right to the territories. There is no such right.

When, in addition, Mr. Begin goes out of his way to embarrass King Hussein by making officially public the fact and content of the monarch's past meetings with Israeli leaders, Mr. Begin reaffirms that his rejection of "territorial compromise" in the West Bank is his own, and in no way a result of the Jordanian ruler's attitude.

For even a paper agreement on the autonomy to be reached, concessions will have to be made on all sides. Mr. Begin has already made one slight concession by consenting to discuss the future of Jerusalem, provided the city's indivisibility was first granted. While he is entitled to ask for a *quid pro quo* from Mr. Sadat, Mr. Begin should consider making similar steps of his own on other controversial issues.

Stalling won't help

THE GOVERNMENT and the employers apparently do not realize what a restrained and responsible negotiating partner they really have in Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel.

Mr. Meshel makes an all-out effort to conclude the wage negotiations within two days. Why two days? Because next Sunday, the consumer price index for May will be published, and that may show that the wage increase now demanded by the Histadrut, of an average of 15 per cent for the year, is not enough to maintain the level of real wages.

The employers are still holding out for an 11 per cent wage hike, including the so-called "wage creep." After Sunday, they may find that Mr. Meshel will be hard put to stick to his present demands — which in fact allow a fall in real wages this year, even if the Treasury adjusts the tax brackets fully to the rate of inflation. Therefore, the employers might be well advised to hurry up and conclude the agreement now and without further ado.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE WILD irises of the Negev will not die out, despite the massive defence construction projects in the region. Thousands of irises have been transferred from their present locations, in the path of planned roads and airfields, to other suitable parts of the Negev. The replanting was done after the flowers bloomed, by the Nature Protection Society, with the help of young volunteers.

THE OFFICE of Mayor Teddy Kollek was recently overwhelmed by over 500 postcards wishing Jerusalem a "Happy Bar Mitzva." The cards, all signed by individuals, were mailed by the Queens Council of B'nai B'rith in New York City. "Jerusalem shall remain the unified capital of Israel," they wrote. The Mayor's office intends to send answers with thanks to every one.

ECONOMIC CRISIS IN PERSPECTIVE

Israel does not have to take over-drastic measures. Enough if the economy can be put back on course, writes The Post's DAVID KRIVINE.

THE ISRAELI economy is in crisis, says Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz.

There is nothing new in that observation. Economists (including economic commentators in the press) have been predicting catastrophe year after year with monotonous regularity since the creation of the state.

One recalls a distinguished Hebrew daily newspaper proving in the mid-fifties that it would be more profitable to close down the high-cost Israeli economy and let the population live on the aid funds coming in at the time.

What kind of collapse did these critics anticipate? A recurrence, one supposes, of the situation that existed in 1950-51 — empty coffers in the Treasury, no dollars with which to pay for imports, no raw materials to keep the factories going, no cement to feed the building industry, empty shops, empty markets, food rationing, unemployment.

That kind of breakdown has not recurred. German reparations and the Bond drive seem to have nudged Israel to a point of take off. Onlookers gazing at the Israeli scene today find it hard to detect any signs of economic adversity.

The shops are full, there is abundant purchasing power, and factories are more fully employed than those in Western Europe and North America. The trade deficit keeps widening, but the foreign exchange reserves have never been so high.

Inflation rages, that is true. However, wages and credits are index-linked, and Yisrael Katz, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, has managed to link social welfare benefits more closely to prices than any of his colleagues abroad.

During the early 1950s, angry demonstrators roamed the streets shouting "L'hem, avoda" (bread, work). Those days are now a memory.

Looking back over the three decades, it is hard to escape the conclusion that Israel's continuous crisis was an unmitigated boon. Had the economic Cassandra been in charge (including the author of this article), the country would have stagnated. Some of the statistics would look better on paper today. There would be no trade deficit to speak of, no serious foreign debt.

But living standards would be lower, so would the size of the national product, the degree of mechanization, the volume of exports. Israel would be closer to the Balkan countries than to Western Europe in the level of its economic activity.

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Even the complaint uttered recently by the governor of the Bank of Israel, Arnon Gafny, that productivity has not risen during the last five years is not altogether valid. In 1975, exports stood at \$3,235m.; this year they exceed \$40b.

Productivity is a function of investment. There has been investment in Israel's export industries, and productivity has gone up in that sector. If a decline was registered in output for the local market, including housing, that is part of the drive to deflat domestic demand; which has helped boost exports.

THE TRUTH is that the Eshkol-Sapir system of heavy borrowing

has paid off. So why not go on along the same lines? Why talk all the time about a crisis that never even-tualizes? What is the point of crying wolf when the wolf never appears?

What is needed, perhaps, is a better definition of the term "economic crisis." One could say that Israel is in economic crisis when it is moving away from its stated economic objective. It is not in crisis when it is moving towards that end-purpose. The end-purpose is to reduce the foreign trade deficit.

This is not easy to do, when oil prices are soaring, owing to the machinations of OPEC. (They rose twelvefold from 1973 to 1979, and that does not include the latest price adjustment, announced in 1980.)

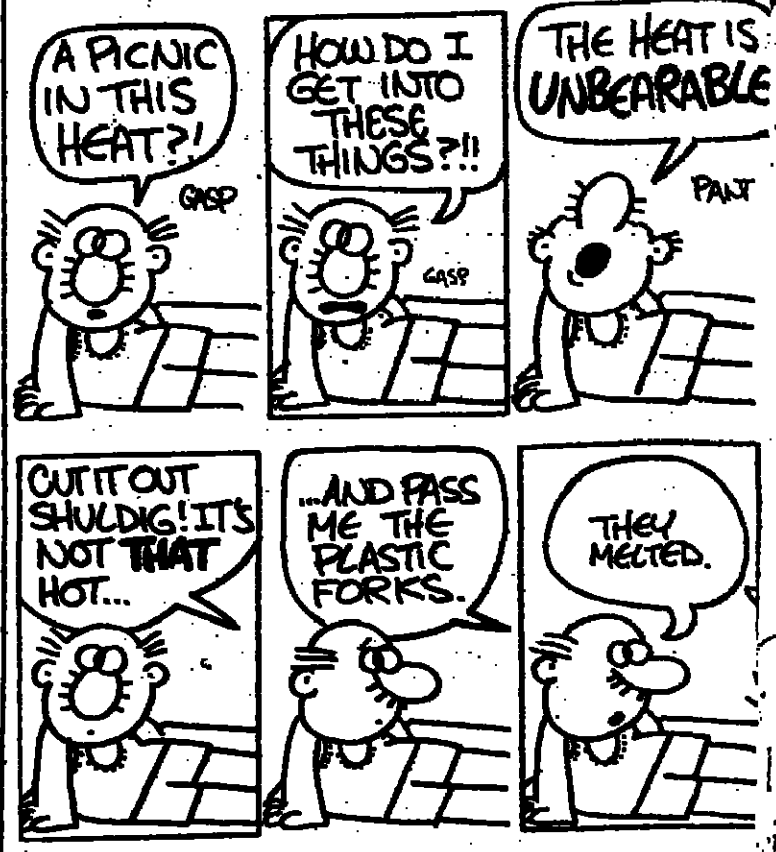
Import statistics are available that exclude oil, but they also omit diamonds, which are subject to extreme fluctuations. It does not matter, the figures will serve. The gap, then, between non-diamond imports and non-diamond exports has narrowed — if petroleum imports are excluded — as follows (quarterly figures, in millions of dollars):

1979	I:	468
	II:	378
	III:	385
	IV:	360
1980	I:	153

The improvement is impressive. Since March this year, however, the gap is widening again; which means that we are back in crisis: we are moving away from our objective instead of towards it.

What is striking is that the gap in economic performance between crisis and non-crisis (according to our definition of the term) is not impossibly wide. In order to resume the positive trend, the country needs what Simha Ehrlich, at the end of his term as finance minister, and Yigael Hurvitz at the beginning of his, succeeded in prescribing: a

Dry Bones



cut in that other deficit, the one between production and consumption; in other words, a cut in the government's budgetary over-spending.

MR. GAFNY spelled out the problem when presenting the central bank's annual report last month. As things stand, he will have to print IL50b. this year. If he is made to do that, the gap between production and consumption will widen, and so will the foreign trade deficit. Israel will move further into crisis.

This IL50b. shortfall should be halved — not because that is sufficient to solve all problems, but because the authorities are unable to do more. It will be a miracle if they do as much. It will also meet the purpose. The country does not have to take over-drastic remedies. Enough if the economy can be put back on course.

Reducing the over-draft of the public sector to IL15b. will start things moving in the right direction, if slowly. It is the direction that counts. Fortunately, there is

enough dynamic in the economy which cannot be said of all old (even developed) economies.

This leads us to one last observation: Retaining the subsidy bread and cooking-oils, as advocated by Housing Minister David Levy, would be a grave mistake. Subsidizing bread does keep the price of bread, but it does keep down price inflation. Oil prices will rise by correspondingly more — because the bread subsidy is financed by Gafny's print money.

And it cannot be otherwise. Levy could find a way to cut out by IL15b. while retaining the subsidies on bread and cooking oil. Those subsidies would be retained. But he cannot.

When the deficit between revenue and state expenditure runs at the rate of IL50b. a year there is no way of paying for Levy's subsidies except through deficit financing; which is precisely what must be avoided if Israel is to move out of its present economic crisis.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I cannot cease to be astonished at Sarah Honig's writings about Soviet dropouts, and at your newspaper for publishing this level of journalism.

Mrs. Honig has accused the Russian Jews of every known vice, including abandoning their old parents and practicing prostitution while in Rome, awaiting entry to the United States. If this is the kind of people the Russian Jews are, why would Israel want them? Why would any country want them? If this is the attitude of Israelis as expressed in a major newspaper, why would any Russian Jew want to emigrate to Israel? I do not have to read an Israeli newspaper to see Jews insulted and abused. I can read the Russian press for that, or the Arab press.

In Honig's most recent diatribe, in response to a letter by Mr. Manfred Gans, she demands nothing less, as she has in the past, than that the American Jewish agencies should cease to function so as to force Russian Jews to come to Israel. This is not only an irrational expectation, but it also shows an utter contempt for the human right to decide for oneself where one wishes to live.

How does Mrs. Honig know what "the vast majority of dropouts" think? How does she know what has been "the experience of nearly every Jewish community in the U.S." vis-à-vis the Russian Jews? Has she asked a poll? Has she done research? If so, where are the statistics?

FRANCES G. GROSMAN
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Sir, — The lack of factual information in the articles and statements by Post reporter Sarah Honig in regard to Soviet Jews constantly amazes me. Her recent statement that "as soon as most Soviet immigrants are no longer in need of financial aid, they sever all connections with them (i.e. Jewish communities) and do not even identify as Jews" is — as many of her previous statements — not supported by any facts given. I do not claim to know what goes on in all of the Jewish communities in the U.S., but Sarah Honig's statement is most certainly untrue for the Chicago area.

SOVIET DROPOUTS

It is one thing to argue that financial help by the American Jewish community should be extended only to those Soviet Jews who immigrate to Israel; it is another thing to try to achieve that objective by vilification of courageous Russian Jews and dedicated agency workers.

MARTIN MAINZER
Winnetka, Illinois.

Sarah Honig comments: Like the writer, the reader too must not get carried away and must approach the material at hand rationally.

It is sheer distortion to claim that I accuse Russian Jews of "every known vice." I did mention in my report on the dropouts in Vienna and Rome that there are rumours of prostitution among some of the emigrants in Ostia. This is what I indeed personally heard during a fact-gathering visit there. But to magnify a single phrase into a wholesale smearing of all Soviet Jews is simply not objective reporting.

I am sad to say, however, that the practice of sending old parents and infirm relatives to Israel is very widespread. I myself was witness to a heart-rending scene in which a son insisted that his aged mother

and mongoloid brother be taken to Israel, while he goes on to America. The truth might be painful, but turning a blind eye to reality will not make it go away. I am not the only Israeli journalist by the way, to have reported these facts.

What is needed in dealing with the issue of Soviet Jews is a sense of proportion. Anyone familiar with my writing on the issue over the last decade would not liken my material to Arab or Russian propaganda.

I never advocated forcing anyone to go anywhere. But I did argue against tempting special privileges, which tip the scales so far against Israel that no free choice is possible. Let us all remember that Israel is a free country from which the Soviet Jew can go anywhere.

Finally, I sincerely wish that the Jewish identity of most Soviet Jews could receive a boost in the U.S. Yet not only am I personally aware of the sad situation in quite a large number of American cities, but again, unfortunately, these conclusions are not purely my own. Not only have other journalists come away with the same impressions, but a great many academic studies point the same way.

NEW IHUD SECRETARY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mark Segal's attempt (May 13) to present the election of Yosef Perlmutter to the post of Secretary of the Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim as a victory for Peres supporters is unfounded.

To the best of my knowledge, Aharon Yadin, who was not elected, also received considerable support from Peres supporters.

According to Segal, the members of the central committee of the Ihud were only interested, when picking their secretary, in the contest within the party, to the exclusion of other possible motives (such as an economist versus an educator). Moreover, Segal insinuates that Yadin represents the desire of the Kibbutz Hameuhad to attain a majority through the unification of the movements, and this is entirely unfounded.

In view of the fact that a great deal has been written recently war-

ning members of the Ihud about the dangers of a close connection with the Kibbutz Hameuhad, I wonder if this is the line adopted by Peres supporters against Rabin supporters.

ROSH HANIKRA.

DAVID ZAMIR

Mark Segal comments: I did not confuse my report from this air, and a source in Kibbutz Hameuhad contacted me a week before the Ihud chose its secretary to explain the broader political implications involved.

As to the latter point of Zamir's letter, I would like to refer him to the statement issued jointly by the secretariats of the Jerusalem Labour Party branch youth division and young leadership warning that the Kibbutz Hameuhad was trying to form cells in all urban branches as part of a plan to revive Ahud Ha'avoda.

NO ACTION ON FAULTY INFANT NUTRITION ADVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For years, I have been conducting a fight against the faulty advice on infant nutrition which young mothers receive at Tipat Halav clinics: this advice endangers the health of infants, constitutes a risk factor in adult life and exposes families to unnecessary expense involved in the early introduction of mostly superfluous and expensive foods into infants' diets.

I intensified my fight when the Ministry of Health, which supervises Tipat Halav clinics, issued a handbook in 1974, "Guide for the feeding of the healthy baby," for use in nursing schools and Tipat Halav stations: this guide contained instructions which were even worse than those issued before.

My obstinacy brought results. Thanks to the intervention of M.K. Badian, Professor Shani, the former Director-General of the Ministry of Health, formed an independent commission which concluded that the booklet was "incorrect and superficial" and should be withdrawn. It also recommended that a new booklet be prepared.

The commission sent its findings to the Ministry of Health at the end of October 1979, but nothing has changed since then. The Tipat Halav nurses continue to give the same faulty instructions to young mothers and no new booklet has been prepared.

The Ministry of Health refuses to send me a copy of the commission's findings, although I submitted extensive material to it and testified

before it. I complained to Department of Public Complaints attached to the State Comptroller's Office, sent two letters to I. Hahon who is in charge of the department and phoned her three times. I did not even get the courtesy reply.

It is unfortunate that, in our country, in order to combat the difference of the establishment safeguard the wellbeing of our infants, we must resort to the media, as a last instance, apply to High Court of Justice — which what I will be forced to do in end.

DR. J. WILCOX
Haifa.

THE COST OF LOW PRODUCTIVITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Spiralling inflation times unabated in Israel. The people of Israel insist on a high standard of living, yet at the same time resort to a low level of productivity.

In addition to the normal Mid-East style interruption of work service at mid-day, every person and business is fully organized and they shut down a half a day a week of their choice without pay or reason. Of course, they pay the cost of this reduced product to the consumer.

Living in a world aspiring high standard of living, calls for a greater measure of productivity which the people of Israel ignore.

WILLIAM BRATTON
Hadera.

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